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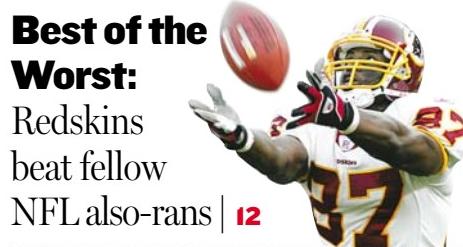
## Monday



Williams says stadium plan can still be saved.

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### ENTERTAINMENT

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Mark Moses is the man behind the sinister 'Desperate Housewives' husband. Also, faith on TV; Ken Follett's 'Whiteout.'

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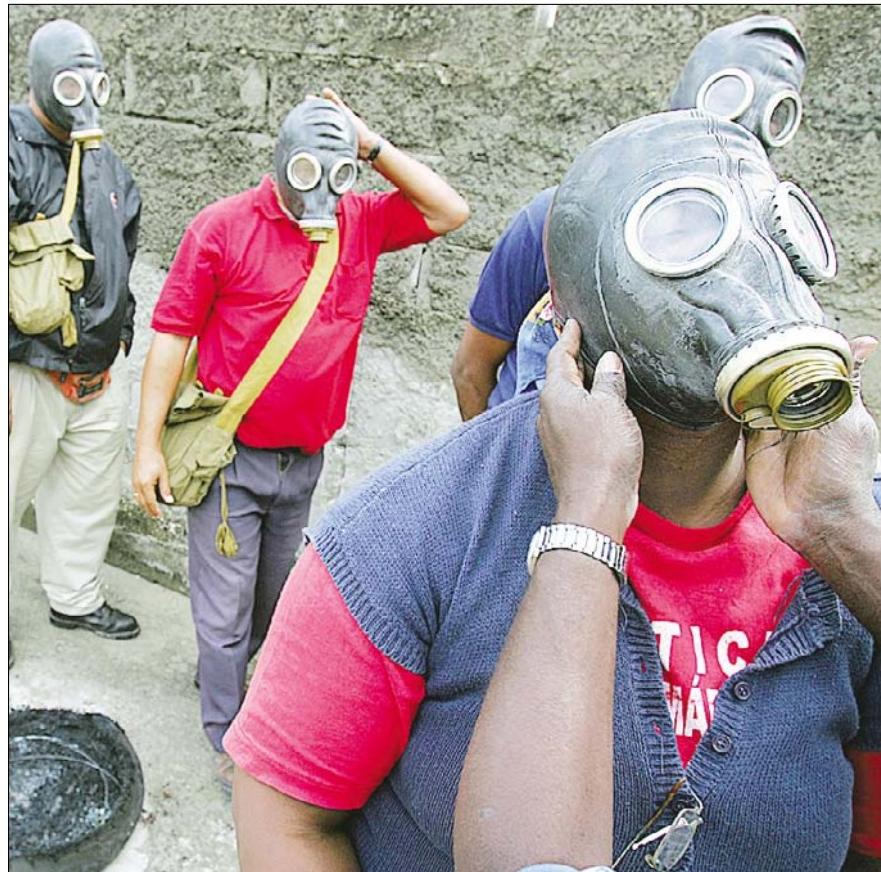
### Weather > Partly Sunny



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CUBA | BREATHING UNEASY



**DRASTIC MEASURES:** Cubans don gas masks in Havana on Sunday after a weeklong defense exercise to prepare for what President Fidel Castro says is a credible threat of attack by the United States. U.S. officials say there are no plans to invade. ♦ **High turnout:** Largest drill in 18 years | Page 8

## Race Eyed as Motive in Arsons

INDIAN HEAD, MD. | Racial animosity and revenge are among the possible motives in the fires that caused \$10 million in damage in Maryland's largest residential arson case, a spokesman for federal investigators said.

Four men have been charged with arson at the Hunters Brooke development in Indian Head, where fires on Dec. 6 destroyed 10 houses and damaged 16 others.

A federal law enforcement official speaking on the condition of anonymity said two of the four suspects in custody allegedly made racial statements during questioning.

The suspects are white, and many of the families moving into the development are black.

The federal official also said that one of the suspects, Jeremy Daniel Parady, was turned down when he tried to get a job with Lennar Corp., the company building the houses.

Michael Campbell, a spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said officials are considering revenge and race, among other motives.

Parady and two other suspects are scheduled to appear Monday before a U.S. magistrate judge in Greenbelt. STEPHEN MANNING (AP)

**BREAK-INS | Hopped-Up Holidays** A man broke into a Jonesboro, Ark., house Thursday, tore open gifts under the Christmas tree and settled down to make a batch of methamphetamine, officials said. The homeowner called police when he arrived home



and saw someone inside. Deputies said Christopher Shawn Gower, 27, set up a makeshift meth lab fueled by a can of propane. He was arrested outside the home after he tried to escape from police by running through a glass door. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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## 60 Killed In Iraq Car Bombings

**Officials:** Strikes on Shiite cities meant to disrupt vote

NAJAF, IRAQ | Car bombs tore through a Najaf funeral procession and Karbala's main bus station, killing at least 60 people and wounding more than 120 in the two Shiite holy cities. Officials say the attacks, the deadliest in Iraq since July, were aimed at disrupting next month's planned elections.

### DANGER ZONES

Recent attacks:

♦ **Dec. 13:** Suicide car bombs kill 20 near Green Zone.

♦ **Dec. 3:** Militants raid police stations, bomb mosque in capital, killing 30.

♦ **Nov. 11:** Car bombs in Baghdad, Kirkuk kill 18.

An official with the leading Shiite political party, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution, said the two bombings Sunday were "no doubt" linked. "These operations aim at driving the Shiites away from the political process and toward acts of revenge to undermine the national unity," Jalal Eddin al-Sagheer said. "The whole issue has to do with elections."

Interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said an increase in attacks ahead of the elections had been anticipated.

"For sure we expect strikes and we hope the eyes of our people will be open to inform authorities and help them in doing their job," he told Al-Iraqiya TV. ABDUL HUSSEIN AL-OBEIDI (AP)

♦ **Brazen attack:** Gunmen execute three election workers on treacherous street in capital | Page 6

# eyeOpeners

## HEAD INJURIES

**Meet the Nonparents**

A Milton, Vt., man was arrested Thursday after crashing a car, wandering into a house and kissing a sleeping couple. Thomas Popke, 26, was driving more than 100 mph when he lost control of his vehicle and crashed, police said. Dazed from a head wound, Popke

walked a mile to Sandra and Reginald Robinson's home. Popke kissed Sandra Robinson on the cheek and said, "Hi, Mom," then kissed her husband and said, "Hi, Dad." Popke then took the Robinsons' car and drove it to another home, which he also briefly entered, officials said. He was arrested after locking himself out of the stolen car. (AP)

## PUBLISHING

**'Tis the Season To Be Bawdy**

A weekly newspaper in Louisa, Ky., apologized for printing sexually explicit Christmas jokes that left some blushing readers as red as Santa's suit. The Lawrence County Storm retrieved unsold copies of this week's edition from newsstands because of the quips, which



staffers say were published by mistake. Some of the jokes were simply corny, while others put Santa in sexual situations. "It was very, very vulgar," Louisa Mayor Teddy Preston said. "It is something that shouldn't have been written in a local newspaper or anywhere else for that matter." (AP)



## RECORD-KEEPING

**The High Cost Of Not Living**

Kansas City hearse driver Frank Jansky was used to chauffeuring the dead, but he had little experience being one of them—until last month. Jansky returned home in November from a trip to find his checking account depleted and a letter from Medicare denying payment for his diabetes treatment. "Our records show that the date of death was before the date of service," the letter said. Further, Social Security officials had taken back some of his electronic deposits and cut off future payments. When Jansky went to the Social Security Administration with his passport and driver's license, he was told to expect to be resurrected—on paper at least—within a month. Social Security spokesman John Garlinger said the mix-up came when a funeral home worker mistyped a Social Security number. Jansky's formal "rebirth" came Dec. 13, when his payment was deposited in his account. (AP)

## GIFTS

**Fishes and Cream**

**Most people pop a box of chocolates or suck on a candy cane for a holiday treat, but some species like a little seafood with their sugar. Gus the polar bear got just that kind of gift Sunday at the Central Park Zoo in New York. Gus and his friends were fed trout with peanut butter, chocolate sauce and whipped cream, all served in a large cardboard barrel decorated with drawings of a Christmas tree and lights.** (EXPRESS)

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**DEJA VU:** President Bush has been chosen for a second time as Time magazine's Person of the Year. He was picked, in part, for his re-election win and for "reshaping the rules of politics to fit his 10-gallon-hat leadership style," the magazine said.



## Nation

### In Brief

CAMARILLO, CALIF.

#### Survey: Oil Supply Increase Keeps Gas Prices Down

An increase in the crude oil supply has contributed to another drop in gas prices in the past two weeks, continuing a downward trend that began two months ago, an industry analyst said Sunday. Between Dec. 3 and Dec. 17, the combined national price for all grades of gasoline dropped more than 10 cents per gallon to \$1.86, said analyst Trilby Lundberg, who publishes the semi-monthly Lundberg Survey. (AP)

ST. LOUIS

#### Soldier in Iraq Participates In Graduation Via Satellite

Spc. Keith Lucas is a National Guardsman on duty in Iraq, where his job is clearing bombs from roads, but that didn't stop him from taking part in his college graduation. Lucas, 26, participated Saturday in the commencement ceremony at the University of Missouri-St. Louis with the help of a satellite hookup. Lucas' degree is in mass communications. (AP)

MERCER, PA.

#### Crash Involving Some 80 Vehicles Closes Interstate

About 80 vehicles crashed in snowy weather Sunday on Interstate 80 near the Ohio border, closing westbound lanes, Pennsylvania state police said. Officials said no one was killed in the crash but did not know how many people were injured. (AP)

# Senators Back Rumsfeld

### Leading Republicans hesitant to call for ouster of defense chief

WASHINGTON | Acknowledging mistakes in Iraq by the Bush administration, leading Republicans expressed reluctance Sunday that the White House replace Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, who has lost the confidence of some Republican lawmakers over the conduct of the war.

The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Sen. John Warner, said a change at the top of the Pentagon would be too disruptive, given the elections scheduled in Iraq for Jan. 30.

Warner, a Republican, also said the administration was addressing the missteps that have occurred in the aftermath of the U.S.-led ouster of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

"We should not at this point in time entertain any idea of changing those responsibilities in the Pentagon," Warner told NBC's "Meet the Press."

Sen. Richard Lugar, the Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, added, "We really can't go through that ordeal" now of finding a successor. Rumsfeld "should be held accountable and he should stay in office," said Lugar.

Rumsfeld, who agreed to Bush's request earlier this month to remain

in the Cabinet during the president's second term, won a vote of confidence from the White House on Sunday.

"Secretary Rumsfeld is doing a spectacular job," the president's chief of staff, Andrew Card, told ABC's "This Week."

"The president has provided good direction for our military, and Secretary Rumsfeld is transforming our military to meet the threats of the 21st century," Card said.

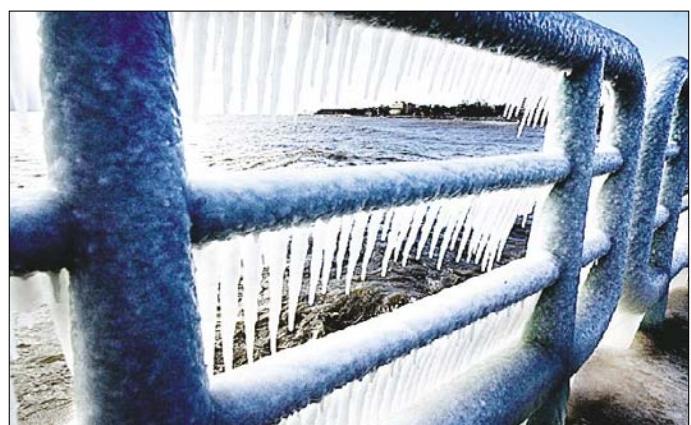
Rumsfeld has come under criticism even from GOP lawmakers including Sens. Trent Lott and John McCain. GENARO C. ARMAS (AP)

### SOCIAL SECURITY PLANS

Two of President Bush's top advisers refused on Sunday to rule out the possibility that wealthy people might have to pay more to help cover the cost of his move to partially privatize Social Security. Neither Treasury Secretary John Snow, who appeared on "Fox News Sunday," nor Andrew Card, the White House chief of staff, who appeared on ABC's "This Week," would say whether Bush's ideas on an overhaul of the federal retirement program would include raising the limit on incomes subject to Social Security taxes. Bush expects to present his plan in February. (AP)

**Capitol connections:** Bush's second-term domestic plans may face stiff challenges from an unlikely group: congressional Republicans | Today's Post, A Section

### WISCONSIN | ICED OVER



SCOTT ANDERSON/JOURNAL TIMES/AP

**DEEP FREEZE:** Icicles hang from a hand railing at the end of a fisherman's access ramp at Reelfoot Marina in Racine, Wis., on Sunday. Temperatures in the area were in the low teens, with the wind chill hovering below zero.

### Poll: Many in U.S. Worry about Debt

WASHINGTON | Shoppers are racing from store to store this holiday season, with credit cards clutched tightly in hand and visions of future bills dancing in their heads.

One-half of Americans say they worry about the money they owe, and many say they worry most of the time about their overall debts, an Associated Press poll found.

Those debts can come from home and car loans as well as credit cards — even more so with December buying sprees. Three-fourths in the poll said they have credit cards.

Four in 10 of those with credit



A poll finds holiday shoppers may be pulling out the plastic this season.

cards said they will use plastic to help pay for their holiday spending this year, according to the poll conducted by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

About one-fourth of those with cards said they use credit for purchases when they do not have the cash. (AP)

Allergies?

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## Nation



**MYSTERY GIVERS:** Salvation Army officials don't know who keeps dropping gold coins into their kettles, but they hope the donations continue. More than 300 coins have been collected since the early 1980's. (AP)

# Tight Security for Inaugural

Police plan to search  
every parade-goer at  
Bush's Jan. 20 event

WASHINGTON | President Bush will be sworn in next month for a second term amid the tightest security in inaugural history, with police planning to search every one of the tens of thousands of people expected to line the parade route.

Behind the scenes, thousands of specialized law enforcement and military personnel will stand ready to respond to any emergency.

Security planners say they have seen no intelligence indicating terrorists will attempt to target the first inauguration since al Qaeda's attack against the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.

But authorities are preparing for



A U.S. Capitol police officer guards part of the inaugural site on Dec. 1. (FILE/SCOTT APPLWHITE/AP)

the worst, even as they strive for as open an event as possible.

To the millions watching the Jan. 20 inauguration on television world-

wide, the ceremony and parade will look much as it has in the past. But each person attending the swearing-in and parade will be subjected to a search by metal detectors, security personnel or both. And there will be more Washington streets closed and more security fencing than ever to create a large buffer zone. (AP)

### SWEARING-IN SECURITY

Among the preparations for Inauguration Day on Jan. 20:

- Some 40 agencies are involved in the security planning, led by the Secret Service.
- Chemical, biological and radiological sensors, and aerial surveillance will be in use.
- Up to 4,000 military personnel will be available to assist or react to emergencies. (AP)

## Grieving Father Sorry for Van Blaze

HIALEAH, FLA. | A man has apologized for setting fire to the van driven by a team of Marines who had come to his house to tell him his son was killed in Iraq.

"Thank God they opened their hearts to see me," Carlos Arredondo said after a private meeting with the Marines on Saturday.

The three Marines, members of a military Casualty Assistance Calls team, came to his home on Aug. 25 to tell him his 20-year-old son, Marine Lance Cpl. Alexander Arredondo, had been killed in combat in Najaf, Iraq.

"I got very upset. I felt like it was a bad joke or bad dream," he said.

Arredondo grabbed a propane torch and a gasoline can from his garage, yelled at the Marines to leave, smashed a window of their van with a hammer, poured gasoline in the vehicle and accidentally turned on the torch.

The Marines did not press charges "out of compassion and sensitivity" to Arredondo, Marine Maj. Scott Mack said. (AP)

## Alternative Facials Sticking It to Botox or Surgery

ALBANY, N.Y. | Paula Scardamalia has pins in her face — nine tiny ones angling out near her eyes, mouth and jaw.

The pins were poked in to tighten chin skin and erase lines on the 52-year-old woman's face. The practice, called facial acupuncture, is becoming popular as a sort of holistic alternative to trying to turn back time through toxins or surgery.

Interest in facial acupuncture might be connected to the rising popularity of alternative medicine or to the mass of aging baby boomers. Whatever the reason, acupuncturists report a wave of interest in



Tiny needles are put on key points on the face in an acupuncture treatment.

the ancient Chinese practice.

Acupuncturists typically stimulate selected points on the body with hair-thin pins to promote good health and alleviate pain. They view it as correcting energy imbalances along the body's "meridians," which carry an energy flow called "Qi."

In facial acupuncture, needles are usually stuck in wrinkles and sags to bring more blood, Qi and muscle tone to an area. (AP)

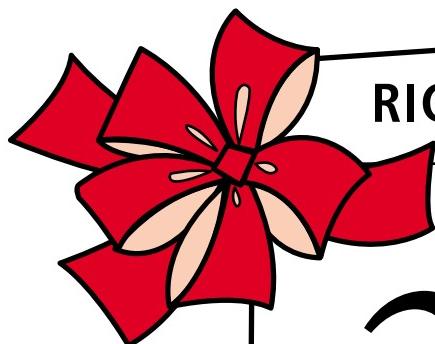
## Today in The Washington Post

**Christmas Suits:** After years of legal assaults on Christmas displays in public buildings, some Christian groups are mounting court battles in the other direction. | *Page A1*

**Back on the Slopes:** A host of small-scale ski resorts are making comebacks around the country, catering to both the cost-conscious and the wealthy. | *A Section*

**Blogging From Baghdad:** A new wave of Iraqi bloggers are engaging in a form of Web expression that was impossible under Saddam Hussein. | *Style Section*

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# World



**PLASTIC PAGEANT:** A 22-year-old who has had cosmetic surgery on her eyelids and cheeks has won China's first pageant for such "manmade beauties." Feng Qian was picked Saturday from among 20 finalists, who ranged in age from 18 to 62.

# Election Workers Targeted in Baghdad

**BOLD ATTACK, KILLINGS** in middle of busy city street rattles nerves

**BAGHDAD** | A brazen daylight attack in the heart of Baghdad, with rebels executing election workers in cold blood, served as a chilling reminder Sunday of the deteriorating security situation in the Iraqi capital with just more than a month before crucial parliamentary elections.

A series of pictures taken by an AP photographer show three pistol-wielding gunmen, who had earlier stopped a car carrying the election officials and dragged them into the middle of Haifa Street. The busy street has been the scene of almost daily gunfights between the insurgents and U.S. and Iraqi troops.

The Independent Electoral Commission said in a statement that about 30 militants hurling hand grenades and firing machine guns attacked the car carrying five of its employees.

Three employees, identified as Hatem Ali Hadi al-Moussawi, a lawyer and deputy director for the commission's Karkh office, and two of his office employees were dragged from their cars and shot dead. Two escaped unhurt.

In the dramatic photo sequence, one of the captives is shown lying



**THE HUNTED:** A man lying down, center, is killed as an insurgent readies to execute another, shown on his knees, in Baghdad. (AP)

on his side on the pavement, while a second is on his knees nearby in the street. The gunmen casually display their handguns as they shoot the two men.

Both victims shown in the photos wore traditional headscarfs. The attackers were bareheaded, apparently unafraid to show their faces.

The executions came just hours before car bombings in the Shiite holy cities of Najaf and Karbala killed at least 60 people. (AP)

## FROM PRISON CELL, A DEFIANT SADDAM

**FROM HIS PRISON CELL**, Saddam Hussein urged his compatriots to remain united against the U.S. occupation and warned that upcoming elections could divide the country, his lawyers said Sunday after the legal team's first meeting with the ousted leader since his capture.

Iraqi lawyer Khalil al-Duleimi met with Saddam on Thursday, his Jordan-based legal team said.

"The president sent recommendations to the Iraqi people to remain united and not fall in the trap of America's slogans," said Bushra Khalil, a Lebanese member of Saddam's defense team of 20 attorneys.

"He said Kurds, Arabs, Shiites, Sunnis and Christians are all Iraqis who all have to stand united against the American plot," she added. (AP)

# Chile's Pinochet Improving After Stroke

Foes say ex-dictator's health scare is an attempt to avoid trial

**SANTIAGO, CHILE** | Gen. Augusto Pinochet was conscious and mobile but remained hospitalized after suffering a stroke, the Army Hospital said Sunday, while the former dictator's family insisted that he's too ill to be tried on human rights charges.

The Court of Appeals was to decide Monday whether to uphold Pinochet's indictment and house arrest for the kidnapping of nine people and killing of one during his 1973-90 regime.

Relatives and associates said the



Pinochet is seen in Santiago, Chile, in this file photo from Sept. 11, 1997.

stroke shows that the 89-year-old former ruler is unfit to stand trial. Lawyers representing Pinochet's accusers, meanwhile, said he often entered the hospital in the past when

he faced legal problems.

Pinochet fainted during breakfast Saturday and was rushed to the hospital, where doctors said he'd had a stroke. Physicians say he has had several since 1998, resulting in mild dementia. The condition saved him from trial three years. The former strongman also has diabetes and arthritis, and uses a pacemaker.

Pinochet "has overcome the critical condition" from the stroke, the Army Hospital said Sunday.

He could suffer physical and neurological after-effects, but only tests could determine the extent, hospital director Dr. Leonel Gomez said. Pinochet may be released in a couple of days, he said. (AP)

## New Statement Echoes Bin Laden's Call for Oil Attacks

**CAIRO, EGYPT** | The Saudi branch of al Qaeda called for attacks against oil infrastructure in the Persian Gulf in a Web statement posted Sunday.

The statement came four days after Osama bin Laden urged Islamic militants to stop Westerners from obtaining Middle Eastern oil.

"Try your best to stop the biggest theft in history," bin Laden said in the Thursday tape, referring to the West's purchase of Arab oil.

It was not possible to authenticate the new statement, posted on an Islamic site known as a clearinghouse for al Qaeda statements. (AP)

## In Brief

### KUWAIT

#### Two U.S. Soldiers Killed, 2 Injured in Traffic Accident

Two U.S. soldiers were killed and two injured in a traffic accident near Kuwait City on Sunday, the U.S. military said in a statement. The statement said the "hit and run" happened in the morning, and the injured soldiers were admitted to a civilian hospital. A Kuwaiti security official said the driver of the vehicle that hit the soldiers later surrendered to police. U.S. military and Kuwaiti authorities were investigating. On Wednesday, the U.S. Embassy warned Americans here about the possibility of terrorist attacks. (AP)

### VATICAN

#### Pope Warns Faithful Against Christmas Materialism

Pope John Paul II on Sunday cautioned Christians against getting caught up by materialism during the Christmas holiday. "The message of the Christmas tree is that life is 'evergreen' if you keep on giving, not material things, but the gift of yourself," he said, speaking clearly during his weekly address from a window at St. Peter's Square. (AP)

### IRAN

#### Flash Floods Kill 34 People, Injure 43 in Southern Iran

Heavy rains have caused flash floods that killed at least 34 people and injured 43 others in southern Iran, the Iranian Red Crescent Society said Sunday. The flooding hit southern Bushehr province, wrecking more than 380 homes and leaving 4,000 people without shelter, the Red Crescent said in a statement. (AP)

### CONGO

#### U.N.: At Least 100,000 Have Fled Fighting in East Congo

Renegade soldiers are continuing to battle troops loyal to the Congolese government in fighting that has displaced at least 100,000 people in eastern Congo over the last week, U.N. officials said. The two sides clashed Sunday north of the town of Kanyabayonga, said Eliane Nabaa, a U.N. spokeswoman. There were no immediate reports of casualties in Sunday's fighting. (AP)

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# Local



**FIRST FLAKES:** Falling temperatures and forecasts of one to two inches of snow had the region's road crews gearing up on Sunday. About 80 trucks in D.C. and about 400 in Virginia were ready to pretreat and clear roads.

# Mayor Tied to Expos Fate

With political career on the line, Williams to meet with Cropp

**WASHINGTON** | Mayor Anthony A. Williams said Sunday his political career may depend on whether his plan to bring Major League Baseball to the capital wins city council approval in the next two weeks.

"Mayors are elected to lead and not be a mirror and just reflect what people are saying," Williams told "Fox News Sunday."

"Ten, 20 percent of the time you're elected to do what you think is in the best interests of the city," Williams said. "If people don't agree with that they can throw you out next time. And I think this is one of those issues."



Mayor Anthony Williams made his case for baseball on "Fox News Sunday."

The city faces a Dec. 31 deadline to agree to build a \$440 million stadium along the Anacostia

River waterfront as part of a deal with baseball owners to land the Washington Nationals (formerly the Montreal Expos).

The District of Columbia Council last week approved a plan that requires private money cover half the cost of building the park. Baseball rejected that requirement as "wholly unacceptable" and then halted promotional, marketing and sales operations for the team.

Williams plans to meet Monday with the council chairman, Linda W. Cropp, who proposed the private financing alternative. "I actually am somewhat hopeful and optimistic that we can work something out," Williams said. BRETT ZONGKER (AP)

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**A** Metro plans to be able to do that, as well as allow riders to load passes from Metro and other transit agencies onto the cards, but probably not until sometime

late next year, said Murray Bond, director of SmarTrip operations.

Those features and the ability to recharge the cards via pre-authorized payments require software changes, he said, and will be added after a regional SmarTrip system is built. The system will manage incoming data as other area transit agencies also begin using the plastic cards. DANNY FREEDMAN (EXPRESS)

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## Local

# Metro Police Chief May Lose Home to Firehouse

Hanson was on panel seeking new location for Arlington facility

**WASHINGTON** | Metro Transit Police Chief Polly Hanson loves her "cute and quaint" two-story 1925 bungalow in suburban Arlington, Va.

"I probably would have stayed in this house until I was an old lady and needed to go to a home, or retired and relocated," Hanson said.

But Arlington has other plans. The county board voted last week to buy Hanson's house, a vacant home and part of a Toyota dealership to make way for a new firehouse.

What makes this all ironic is that the county appointed Hanson to a task force that came up with potential sites for the relocation of historic Fire Station 3. Her home was not even on their list.

Hanson said fire department workers warned her before the



Hanson's Arlington house has been chosen as the site for a fire station.

summer that there was a good chance they needed her home. After an appraisal of about \$500,000, Hanson said the county sent her a contract in November, but it didn't include relocation benefits.

But it wasn't until over a week ago when she saw plans for the site that Hanson had a clear picture of what county officials had in mind. "I said, 'Oh my god, the firehouse is my house,'" CANDACE SMITH (AP)

## Metro Combats Urine in Elevators

**WASHINGTON** | Metro has opened its station bathrooms to the public, but that doesn't appear to have stopped people from finding relief in the elevators, a Metro official said.

The smell of urine, particularly on street elevators in the District, has been among the top elevator complaints in monthly customer surveys, said David Lacosse, head of Metro's Office of Elevators and

### Escalators.

The level of complaints has dropped "significantly" since cleaning was stepped-up about three years ago. But Lacosse said last week he was contacting station managers to try to re-assess the problem.

Public urination in the system usually is considered a misdemeanor and carries a fine, a spokeswoman said. DANNY FREEDMAN (EXPRESS)

## Middle Schooler Leads Charge to Alter Pledge Rules

**SPOTSYLVANIA, VA.** | A middle school student's objection to standing during the Pledge of Allegiance is sparking change in Spotsylvania County's schools.

A seventh-grader at Ni River Middle School objected to the county's requirement that he stand during the pledge, contending it violat-

ed his freedom of speech, Principal Stephen Covert said. Covert said the student's complaint occurred several weeks ago. He said the boy has been allowed to sit during the pledge.

At a School Board meeting this month, Spotsylvania school officials recommended that the board bring its policy in line with state code by allowing students who object to sit during the pledge. The board approved the change with a 6-1 vote. The policy won't officially change until the board votes again at its Jan. 10 meeting. (AP)

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# Sports



**COLOR COORDINATED:** Clinton Portis and safety Sean Taylor, who have been fined \$15,000 each for flaunting NFL uniform rules by wearing red socks for the past two games, went back to the usual white in the Redskins' win on Saturday.

# Redskins Better Than NFL's Worst

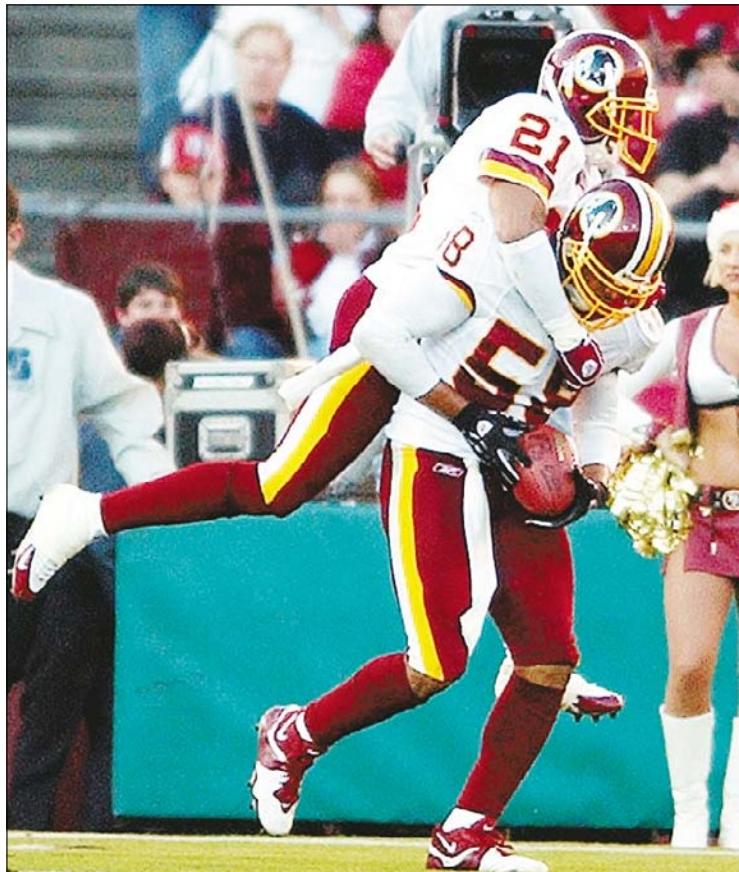
5-9 Washington takes incremental steps on road to improvement

**REDSKINS** | Approaching the end of Joe Gibbs' comeback season, the Washington Redskins have become good enough to beat the bad teams while staying somewhat competitive when losing to the good ones.

That might not sound like much, but any measure of progress is welcome when the record is 5-9.

Over the past four weeks, the Redskins have mixed victories over the woeful New York Giants and San Francisco with respectable losses against Super Bowl contenders Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Gibbs' team has yet to beat a team with a winning record this season, but at least early losses to the Giants and Cleveland are fading from memory.

"We know that we have something to look forward to," running back Clinton Portis said after Saturday's 26-16 victory over the 49ers. "We have to win out this year, and next year we will be a contender."



**PICK ME UP:** Redskins cornerback Fred Smoot jumps on the back of linebacker Antonio Pierce after Pierce returned an interception for a touchdown on Sunday.

Perhaps, but first the offensive problems that have lingered all season will need to be fixed.

Patrick Ramsey had another interception-free game, completing 18 of 27 passes for 214 yards, but big scoring plays are still elusive. Portis got his obligatory 100-plus yards in victory — the team is 5-0 when he hits the century mark, 0-9 when he doesn't — but he needed 35 carries to reach his final tally of 110 yards.

Despite his erratic year, Portis is 217 yards from becoming the first back in NFL history to run for 1,500 in each of his first three seasons.

The Redskins are close to yet another milestone, one that will make Gibbs cringe. They are 35 yards away from becoming the Hall of Fame coach's first team to amass 1,000 yards in penalties for a season.

Gibbs' command of play-calling and clock management have shown signs of rust after a dozen years away, but at least he has forged a team unity missing in previous seasons.

With games remaining against Dallas and Minnesota, a three-

## NFL Scoreboard

### SATURDAY, DEC. 18

Redskins 26, 49ers 16

Steelers 33, Giants 30

Falcons 34, Panthers 31 (OT)

### SUNDAY, DEC. 19

Texans 24, Bears 5

Bills 33, Bengals 17

Vikings 28, Lions 27

Chargers 21, Browns 0

Jets 37, Seahawks 14

Eagles 12, Cowboys 7

Chiefs 45, Broncos 17

Cardinals 31, Rams 7

Saints 21, Bucs 17

Jaguars 28, Packers 25

Raiders 40, Titans 35

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game season-ending winning streak is possible, although the resulting 7-9 record would lead to an agonizing set of what-ifs. For example, what if Gibbs had started Ramsey from opening day instead of Mark Brunell? Wouldn't the team have won another game or two — enough to make the playoffs? JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

**Chat house:** Michael Wilbon talks Redskins and D.C. baseball at 1:15 p.m. | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

# Eagles Clinch Home-Field Advantage

Owens injures ankle in Philadelphia's 12-7 win

**FOOTBALL** | Terrell Owens has plenty of time to rest for the playoffs.

Dorsey Levens' 2-yard touchdown run with 1:57 left helped the Philadelphia Eagles overcome an ankle injury to their star wide receiver and clinch home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a 12-7 victory over the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

Owens didn't return after spraining his right ankle early in the third quarter. X-rays on the ankle were negative, but he'll have an MRI on Monday. Philadelphia plays its first playoff game on Jan. 15 or 16, giving Owens almost a month to heal if necessary.

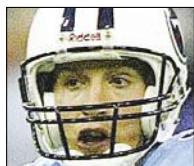
"The positive is it wasn't broken, but the negative is it did swell up,"

said Eagles coach Andy Reid, adding that he expects Owens to miss at least one game.

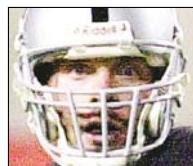
The Eagles (13-1) set a franchise record for regular-season victories. They've finished first in the conference three straight years, but couldn't take advantage of playing at home in the last two NFC championship games, losing to Tampa Bay and Carolina.

ROB MAADDI (AP)

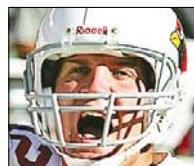
## TOP DOGS | SUNDAY'S STARS IN THE NFL



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QB, Titans  
492 yds, 5 TDs



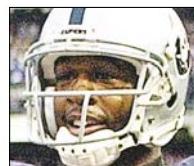
**KERRY COLLINS**  
QB, Raiders  
37 yards, 5 TDs



**JOHNSON**  
QB, Cardinals  
320 total yds, 4 TDs

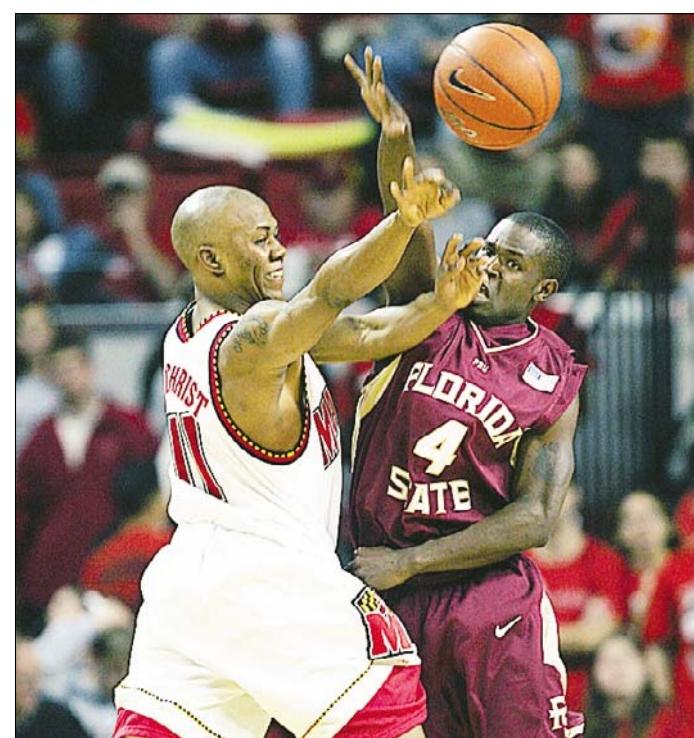


**LARRY JOHNSON**  
RB, Chiefs  
151 yds, 2 TDs



**JERRY PORTER**  
WR, Raiders  
148 yds, 2 TDs

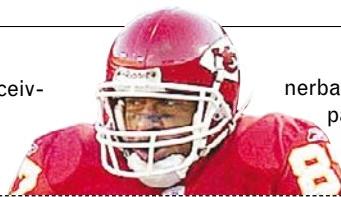
## ACC OPENER | UP FOR GRABS



**OVERTIME:** Maryland's John Gilchrist makes a pass in the Terps' overtime thriller against Florida State Sunday. → **Results:** [washingtonpost.com/sports](http://washingtonpost.com/sports)

CHRIS GARDNER (AP)

**WHO'S THE CHAMP?** Kansas City wide receiver Eddie Kennison beat former Washington Redskins and current Denver Broncos corner



back Champ Bailey to score on touchdown passes of 7 and 18 yards in the Chiefs' 45-17 rout of the Broncos on Sunday.

## Sports

# Vikings Get A Gift From The Lions

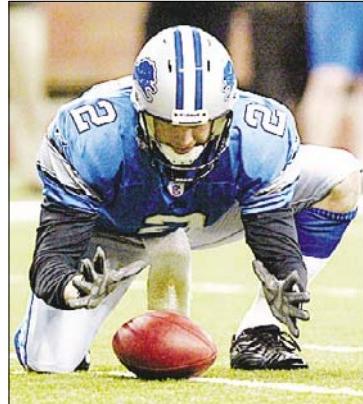
**FOOTBALL** | The Vikings took a big step toward their first playoff berth in four years — barely and with late help from the Lions.

Detroit botched an extra-point kick with 8 seconds left that would've tied the game, allowing Minnesota to seal a 28-27 win Sunday.

The Lions went 80 yards in 1:29 to pull within a point on Joey Harrington's second touchdown pass to Roy Williams.

Then, Don Muhlbach's snap bounced to holder Nick Harris, who was tackled before he could get the football spotted for kicker Jason Hanson.

Despite losing five of their previous seven games, Minnesota can



Detroit Lions holder Nick Harris tries to pick up a bad snap in Sunday's loss.

win the NFC North with a victory Friday at home over Green Bay and at Washington.

In the awful NFC, Minnesota could even be a wild-card team without another win.

The Lions (5-9) officially fell out of the postseason race with their seventh loss in eight games, a heart-breaker they'll be thinking about for a long time. **LARRY LAGE (AP)**



**WHO KNEW?** The New York Jets had their highest offensive output since a 41-14 win over Miami on Nov. 1 during Sunday's 37-14 victory over the Seattle Seahawks. The win keeps the Jets (10-4) atop the chase for a wild-card spot in the AFC and drops the Seahawks to 7-7. **(AP)**

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# Snow on Chargers' Parade

San Diego wins AFC West title with 21-0 victory in Cleveland

**FOOTBALL** | Those lightning-bolt decals streaking across their helmets have never been more fitting. The San Diego Chargers have shocked the NFL — and maybe even themselves.

LaDainian Tomlinson rushed for 111 yards and two touchdowns, Antonio Gates tied a league record with his 12th TD and San Diego captured the AFC West title Sunday, sliding through the snow for a 21-0 win over the Cleveland Browns.

One season after a league-worst 4-12 mark, the Chargers (11-3) won their eighth straight and earned their first postseason berth since 1995 when Denver lost at Kansas city. They're division champions for the first time since 1994.

"I've only been here for four years, but in some ways it feels like eight," Tomlinson said. "I've dreamed of the playoffs for a long



San Diego Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson runs for 20 of his 111 yards during the AFC West champion's 21-0 shutout victory over the Cleveland Browns.

time, but it's only been a dream."

Reality set in quickly. As the Chargers walked off the frozen field, each player was handed an "AFC West 2004 Champions" baseball cap.

"This feels great," said quarter-

back Drew Brees, who attempted just six passes. "It's been a long road for San Diego fans and us. It feels great because we weren't expected to do too much this year. Instead of 11-3, a lot of people thought we'd be 3-11." **TOM WITHERS (AP)**



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# Sports

**BOYS AND GIRLS:** FIFA rejected Mexican second-division club Celaya's request to use a woman player in league matches, soccer's world governing body



said Sunday. Celaya signed Maribel Dominguez, a striker with the Mexican women's national team, on Wednesday in hopes of using her when the season starts next month.

## Johnson Trade Keeps on Growing

**BASEBALL** | The megadeal involving Randy Johnson, Shawn Green and Javier Vazquez grew to 10 players over the weekend, with the New York Yankees, Arizona and Los Angeles hoping to present the proposed trade to the commissioner's office soon for approval.

Pitchers Kaz Ishii, Mike Koplove and Brandon Weeden are now part of the swap, a baseball official told The Associated Press.

The teams were aiming to put the whole deal down on paper soon and give it to the commissioner's office perhaps by Monday.

Plus, there's speculation the



Randy Johnson likely will be pitching in pinstripes for the Yankees next season.

Dodgers might get Vazquez from the Yankees and then trade him to the Chicago White Sox. Johnson remains the centerpiece of the trade, with the Yankees trying to get the southpaw from Arizona. New York also would acquire Ishii. (AP)

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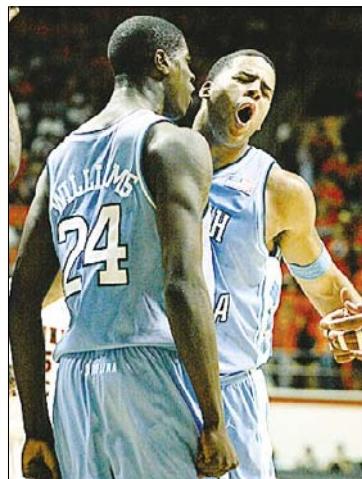
## Tar Heels Slam Hokies in ACC Debut

**COLLEGE HOOPS** | "Welcome to the ACC."

North Carolina's Sean May spoke those words to Virginia Tech's Deron Washington after dunking in his face, and the fifth-ranked Tar Heels delivered the message throughout the Hokies' first game in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"I told him, 'Hey, welcome to the ACC, baby,'" May said of Washington after he and Jawad Williams each scored 17 points and Raymond Felton had 15 in North Carolina's 85-51 victory Sunday, its eighth straight.

The Tar Heels (8-1) started slow-



North Carolina's Marvin Williams and Sean May celebrate a Williams' basket.

ly, turning the ball over 12 times in the first half, but used a 17-4 run to take a 41-27 halftime lead.

Virginia Tech (5-3) kept it close for the first 15 minutes on the strength of Zabian Dowdell's 16-point first half, but couldn't keep pace once the Tar Heels starting looking underneath.

It was a rough way to be indoctrinated into the conference, Dowdell said, and a welcome that will drive the Hokies to get tougher and better in a league that has seven Top 25 teams. "There's no time to be getting discouraged," Dowdell said. "We just have to continue to work hard." HANK KURZ JR. (AP)

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## Sports

## In Brief

NBA

### Knicks Ride Crawford's Four-Point Play to Victory

Jamal Crawford scored 11 of his 24 points in the final five minutes, including a rare four-point play and a sweet crossover move that led to a key basket in the New York Knicks' 94-93 victory over the Utah Jazz on Sunday. Crawford was his usual erratic self, missing his first

six shots before eventually finding his stroke. His running floater off a nifty move against Raja Bell made it 90-86 with 27 seconds left, and Stephon Marbury's two free throws with 6.4 remaining gave New York a four-point lead. New York won at home over the Jazz for the first time in more than eight years. (AP)

NBA

### Raptors Start Post-Carter Era With Win Over Nets

Lamond Murray scored 12 of his 18 points in the fourth quarter

and the Toronto Raptors beat the New Jersey Nets 110-99 on Sunday, their first victory of the post-Vince Carter era. Carter wasn't at the Air Canada Centre because Toronto's trade with New Jersey isn't expected to be finalized until noon Monday. The Raptors traded their biggest star on Friday to the Nets for Eric Williams, Aaron Williams, Alonzo Mourning and two first-round draft picks. Eric and Aaron didn't play either, but sat in the stands behind the Raptors bench. Mourning may never play for Toronto. (AP)

## BASEBALL

### Alou Survives Car Scare

Free-agent outfielder Moises Alou escaped injury when his car hit a pothole and momentarily spun out of control. Alou was driving alone Saturday night in Santo Domingo, where he lives in the offseason. "I'm grateful that everybody worries about me, but thank God I'm OK," he told The Associated Press on Sunday. "Two of the tires blew out and I had to call for help to tow it. There was not a crash or any injuries." (AP)

## TODAY'S TV LINEUP

**NBA (10:30 P.M. ON COMCAST)** The Washington Wizards, whose top three players used to play for Golden State, visit the Warriors on their road trip.

**FOOTBALL (9 P.M. ON ABC)** The New England Patriots need to defeat the Miami Dolphins to keep pace with the Pittsburgh Steelers in the race for home-field advantage in the AFC playoffs.

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# Choosing the Battle

**Military simulators use screens, sets to mimic war situations**

**MILITARY** | It was 90 degrees, and soldiers Kevin Messmer and Kroften Owen were hunched in a rubble-strewn apartment. Messmer surveyed the Iraqi city from the window and found an insurgent stronghold. Owen called the coordinates into a radio.

Seconds later, the room shook as a bomb annihilated the target.

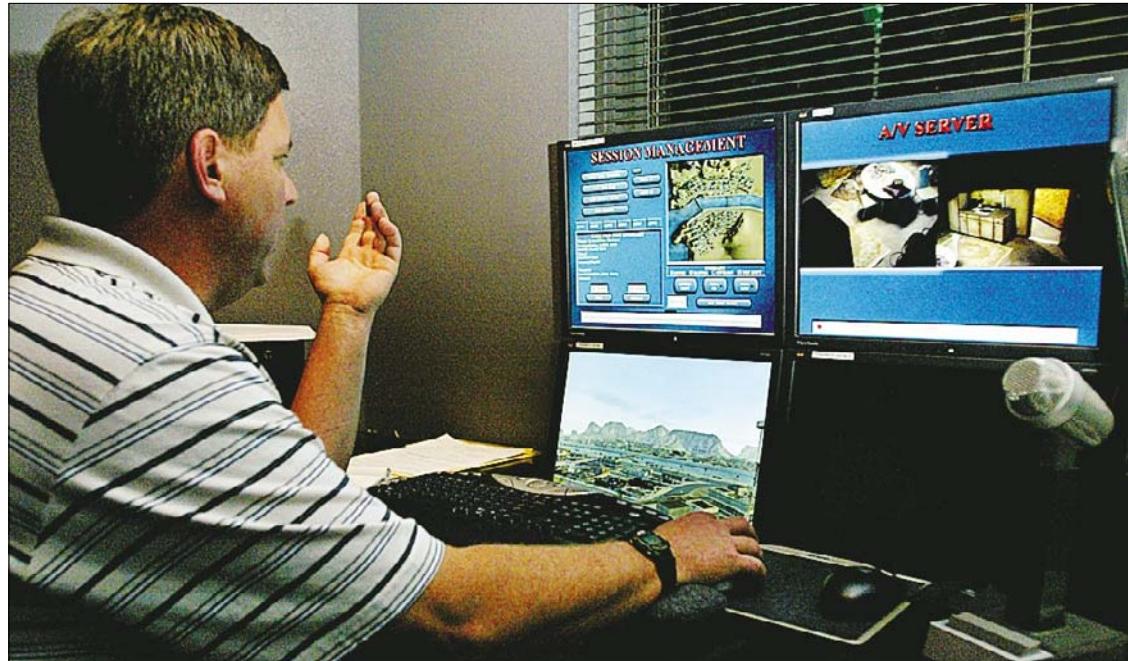
The mission was a success. Except it didn't exist.

2nd Lts. Messmer, 24, and Owen, 23, of the 3rd Battalion, 30th Field Artillery Regiment, use "Urban Terrain Module," a military simulator that's a mix of video game and Hollywood sound stage.

The room is littered with plaster and debris. A picture hangs sideways, a vase's smashed remnants lie on a table.

Hidden speakers envelop the set with sounds. The window? A screen showing a cityscape.

Across a hallway is the Outdoor Terrain Module, where a Humvee parked on sand faces a screen.



**THE WAR ROOMS:** Operator Rick Bleau tracks soldiers' movements and instantly alters what occurs in their training session.

Soldiers call in artillery strikes in the desert.

Rick Bleau tweaks the environment — such as sunlight, wind and temperature — and invokes malevolent commands: Heads in the window too long hear incoming bullets.

Since the center went live in

September, more than 300 officers have trained there.

The multimillion-dollar system began in 1999, when the Army partnered with educators, video-game makers and entertainment companies to create environments that mimic wartime.

"It's really all about cognitive

training," said Randy Hill, the Institute for Creative Technology's director of applied research.

The Army saves money on live-fire training. Outdoor exercises don't convey battles' chaotic nature, said Col. Gary S. Kinne, the Joint Fires and Effects Trainer System director at Fort Sill, Okla. MATT SLAGLE (AP)



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Tech Gifts

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**Can a wireless media receiver broadcast streaming audio to your stereo? Is there a way to turn a stream into a file?**

Yes and yes. But not all wireless receivers support every variety of Web radio.

**I am looking to buy an LCD flat panel display with a 17" monitor and flexibility in display angle for \$400 or less. Any advice?**

The big things to look for are: refresh rate, contrast ratio and display angle.

**Any recommendations on the T vs. the X series ThinkPads? Any drawbacks to the X series' small profile?**

I've found the X30's screen size to be the right size screen in a second computer. No complaints at all about the keyboards. I wish the X30 had USB 2.0 ports and a bigger hard drive.

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**WHERE WILL IT END?** It must be contagious — now Deborah Norville is planning to step down from news. The bubbly blonde announced on Friday she'll be leaving her MSNBC program next month but will continue to host the fluffy "Inside Edition."



## Entertainment

# Fox in the Henhouse

**Mark Moses brings masculine intrigue to soapy Wisteria Lane**

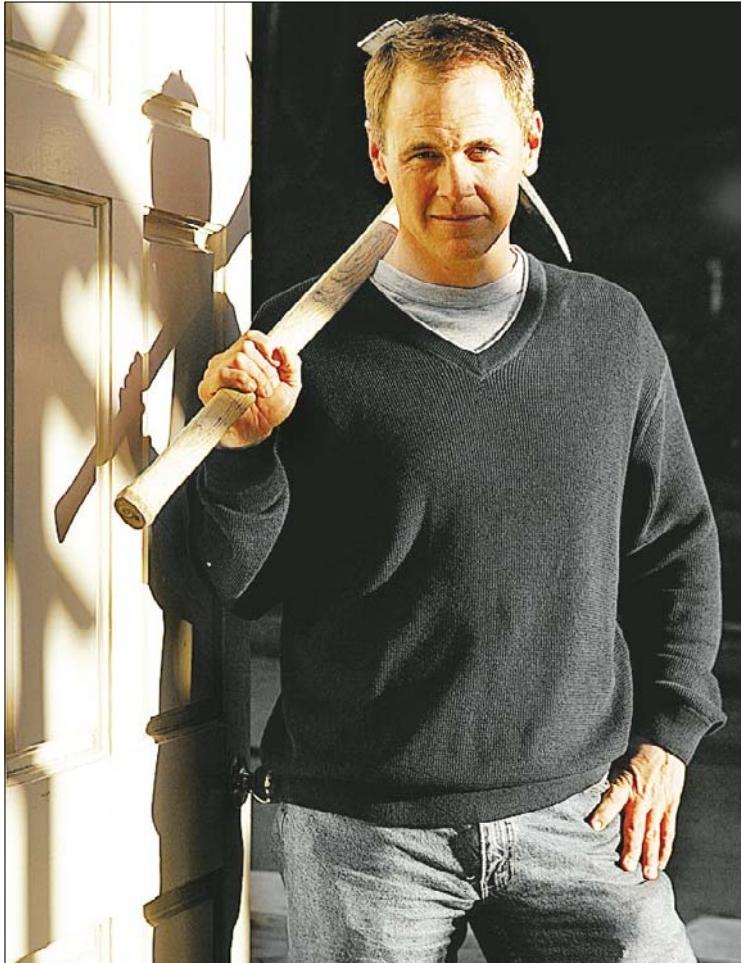
**BREAKOUT ROLES** | Mark Moses seems like a regular guy. He coaches his young sons' soccer and baseball teams, he speaks adoringly of his wife of 16 years, and he sure likes to laugh.

Then why does a woman interrupt his lunch to belt out, "You're a murdering S.O.B.?"

Perhaps it's because in the minds of some TV viewers, he's Paul Young, the "Desperate Housewives" husband who dug out his swimming pool in the middle of the night after his wife killed herself in the pilot, set a toy chest afloat with "grisly remains" in a lake and committed his adolescent son to a psychiatric ward, where he ordered doctors to "forget the Freud and stick with the drugs."

He put his house up for sale, hired a hit man and in the Nov. 28 episode, struck a meddlesome neighbor on the head with a blender and strangled her to death.

She had it coming, Moses explained, defending his on-screen



THE QUIET MAN: Until "Desperate Housewives," Moses had played TV nice guys.

alter ego. "She should have returned what she borrowed."

Paul Young, you see, killed his nosy neighbor with the blender she had borrowed from his wife, Mary Alice. Not only was she presumably blackmailing Mary Alice, she didn't have the decency to return the appliance after she discovered Mary Alice's dead body. In fact, Martha removed the label with Mary Alice's name. The nerve!

And what kind of father would a man like this make? Paul and his 16-year-old son Zach could easily win the award for television's creepiest father and son.

If you're feeling sorry for Zach, who is grieving for his mother, "You won't later!" said Cody Kasch, the 17-year-old who plays him.

"The two of them ... is very eerie," "Desperate Housewives" creator Marc Cherry said. "It's Norman Rockwell-esque, by way of David Lynch."

Paul, Moses insisted, is not a bad guy. So is it fair for someone to accost the actor and call him a murderer?

"It was a crime of passion," Moses said. "He's a desperate husband."

ELENA FERNANDEZ (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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### From a Master's Workshop: Turkish Prints

A collection of prints from Turkish artists is on display in "Anatolian Impressions," fresh from the studio of Master Tekcan. The Istanbul artist and mentor Süleyman Saim Tekcan created a communal art space and print workshop where young folk learn how to make artistic visions a reality.

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## Entertainment



**SO, NO SEQUEL?** Comics wunderkind Todd McFarlane is going bankrupt. A \$15 million jury award against him in favor of former NHL player Tony Twist pushed the "Spawn" creator to file for Chapter 11 protection on Friday.

# Story of Their Lives

## Musical biopics are becoming darker and more interesting

**FILM** | Hollywood has traditionally played its musical biographies by the numbers: chronological narrative peppered with production numbers, the inevitable career decline, capped by an inspirational finale and a swell of strings.

But today's musical biopics are taking an increasingly creative and nonlinear approach. In some cases, straight narrative is replaced with daring storytelling that can be at once expressionistic and surreal.

Perhaps the most striking characteristic of the new biopic is the attention filmmakers are lavishing on the music itself.

Three high-profile releases represent the next step in the evolution of the big-screen musical biopic: "De-Lovely" recaps the career of songwriter Cole Porter; "Ray" is a dark, sometimes-brooding take on the late R&B titan Ray Charles; and the upcoming "Beyond the Sea" reinvents the life of vocalist Bobby Darin with producer-director-star Kevin Spacey in the lead role.

"I think we will see more of these kinds of movies," said "De-Lovely" music arranger/music producer Stephen Endelman, "and I think they can be more interesting



**WHEN THIS YOU SEE, REMEMBER ME:** Clockwise from top left, this year's wave of new-style musical biopics includes "Beyond the Sea," "Ray" and "De-Lovely."

if they come from the music."

Indeed. Next year, Fox plans to deliver James Mangold's "Walk the Line," with Joaquin Phoenix as Johnny Cash, and "The Wild and Wycked World of Brian Jones" has been announced, with Leo Gregory to star in Stephen Woolley's feature about the founding Rolling Stone. In addition, Palm Pictures has a Jimi Hendrix project in the works,

and Killer Films is planning a Bob Dylan picture.

"The things in the film I was going for were not just performances," said Taylor Hackford, producer-director of the well-reviewed "Ray." "What I was looking for were dramatic moments ... when the character is not in performance mode."

Hackford isn't the only filmmaker who labored for years to bring

a current musical dream project to the screen: Spacey's pursuit of the Darin role began about 15 years ago.

Echoing sentiments voiced by producer-directors of other new-look musical biopics, Spacey said, "The music was, to me, the most important driving part of the whole process." CHRIS MORRIS  
(THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

# School's Beat Goes On

**MUSIC** | Handsome Boy Modeling School is the brainchild of Nathaniel Merriweather and Chest Rockwell, alter-egos of producers Dan "The Automator" Nakamura and Prince Paul, respectively.

The faux-suave duo's second album, "White People" (Atlantic/Elektra), plays off hip-hop clichés — guest stars, silly skits — while examining just how long hip-hop culture's reach has grown.

The playful, impressive guest list includes Mike "Mr. Bungle" Patton, turntablist pioneer Grand Wizard Theodore, David Lynch chanteuse Julee Cruise and British jazz newbie Jamie Cullum.

The pair comes up with seemingly endless ways to mix hip-hop with everything else. "The World's Gone Mad," with Barrington Levy, Del tha Funky Homosapien and Franz Ferdinand's Alex Kapranos,



The Handsome Boys still have plenty of style, but not enough hot hooks.

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fetchingly fuses languid reggae with urgent, socially conscious vocals.

Other standouts include the heavy rap/funk of "A Day in the Life," featuring members of Mars Volta and the Wu-Tang Clan, and the lounge-soul tune "I've Been Thinking," with Cat Power getting sultry, like a huskier Sade.

It's all very fun and creative, but, ironically, the duo fall into the common hip-hop traps of being short on actual hooks and unable to stop. "White People" ends up going on too long and not being quite as clever as its makers might think it is. NATALIE NICHOLS (AP)



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### Head Shots of State: 'American Presidency'

**2** The National Archives offers some inspiration for these politically fraught times. The photos in the exhibit "The American Presidency" span more than 150 years in public and private moments of the U.S. presidents.

National Archives and Records Administration, 700 Pennsylvania Ave., through Feb. 21; 202-501-5000. (Archives-Navy Memorial)



Lyndon B. Johnson cuts up with his dog and grandson Patrick in 1968.

### Rocking the Caboose: Last Train Home

**3** Local darlings and roots-rocking good-timers Last Train Home personalize the holidays in a show featuring countrified classics and snow-dusted originals.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)

### Five Live: Terrell Stafford Quintet

**4** Trumpeter Terrell Stafford, who's the secret weapon on many a recording with other jazz artists' names above the title, brings his quintet to Blues Alley.

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## Entertainment



**GODLESS?** NBC's "Will & Grace" evoked pity from the conservative group, which cited its characters' character failings.

# TV Loses Its Faith

A study claims negative portrayal of religion

**TELEVISION** | Entertainment programs on TV mention God more often than they did in the mid-1990s but tend to depict organized religion negatively, a study released Thursday said.

The Parents Television Council watched every hour of prime-time on the broadcast networks during the 2003-04 season and logged 2,344 treatments of religion. They judged 22 percent of the mentions positive, 24 percent negative and the rest neutral.

The conservative group's last study, released in 1997, found far fewer mentions of the topic — an average of once per hour compared to three per hour last season.

But any mention of a religious institution or member of the clergy was at least twice as likely to be negative, the council said.

"Ninety percent of the American people believes in God," said Brent Bozell, the council's president. "It is an important issue to most people. Hollywood is attacking the very thing that they consider important in their own lives. Perhaps

Hollywood ought to be changing its world view."

Negative examples varied widely, from comic Jimmy Kimmel joking on the American Music Awards that winners should resist thanking God to a Catholic priest admitting on "The Practice" that he had had sex with a woman who was later murdered.

Well-publicized scandals about pedophile priests made Catholics particularly vulnerable, the council found.

"Catholicism is in the bulls-eye of the entertainment medium," Bozell said.

His group singled out NBC, saying its mentions of religion were nearly 10 times more likely to be negative than positive. "Law & Order" episodes, which tend to have stories ripped from the headlines, helped skew those numbers, the group said.

Bozell noted, however, that one of the negative NBC examples the PTC cited — Karen on "Will & Grace" quipping, "Let's go by that historic church and turn it into a



JAG acknowledged religion positively by depicting a character in prayer.

gay bar" — reflected as poorly on the character as on religion.

Among the positive examples, the PTC cites a "JAG" episode where a character prays to God to say hello to her dead mother, and an "American Dreams" episode where an actor playing a medical student says a surgery is partially in God's hands.

Bozell said he's not suggesting that all television programming "ought to be about St. Teresa" or even be all positive about religion, but that Hollywood should keep in mind the overall picture it presents to viewers. DAVID BAUDER (AP)

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## Entertainment



**FORTUNATE EVENTS:** "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events" topped the box office this weekend with a three-day total of \$30.2 million in ticket sales. It knocked "Ocean's Twelve" down to No. 2; "Spanglish" opened in third place while the remake "Flight of the Phoenix" trailed at No. 8.

# Snow Blinded

In the new thriller 'Whiteout,' winter takes some prisoners

**BOOKS** | A blinding snowstorm isn't the only villain in Ken Follett's "Whiteout" (Dutton), an adrenaline-pumping thriller that keeps readers on the edge of their seats.

Bioterrorism is the main theme

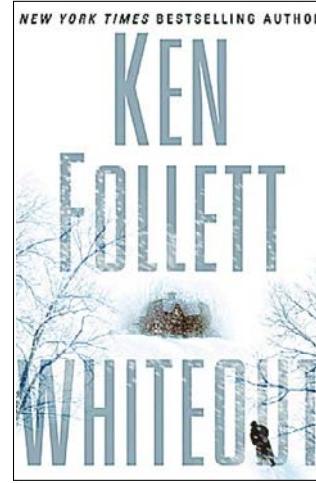
of this ripped-from-the headlines story, laced with family tensions and ruthless deception, set in the wintry Scottish countryside on Christmas Eve.

Oxenford Medical is a family-owned company that does research on deadly viruses. An employee manages to steal two doses of an experimental antiviral drug from the lab.

Meanwhile, the vengeful son of Stanley Oxenford, the company's founder, is planning to break into the lab. Kit Oxenford, who was fired for skimming money from the company, now has a huge gambling debt.

But everything goes awry as the thieves steal samples of a deadly virus — not the antiviral agent as Kit had anticipated.

The thieves take shelter from a fierce snowstorm at Stanley Oxenford's home, where various dysfunctional family members have gathered for the holidays.



Violence ensues.

With dogged determination, former police officer Toni Gallo battles the blizzard as she attempts to retrieve the virus before it becomes a weapon for terrorism.

And there's nothing like fighting a gang of vicious thieves to bring people closer together, as Toni and her widower boss Stanley discover.

"Whiteout" is filled with treachery, intrigue and action-packed scenes, and Follett holds readers captive until the novel's final pages. CAROL DEEGAN (AP)



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**THE POLAR EXPRESS (G) 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:05  
**THE INCREDIBLES (PG) 2:00, 4:45, 7:50, 10:35  
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**SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (PG) 12:15, 2:20, 5:00  
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**CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS (PG) 5:50, 8:20  
**NATIONAL TREASURE (PG) 5:10, 8:00  
**SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (PG) 6:00, 8:10  
**THE POLAR EXPRESS (G) 5:20, 7:50  
**THE INCREDIBLES (PG) 5:10, 7:40  
**RAY (PG13) 5:00, 8:10********************

**ACADEMY 6**  
Beltway Plaza on Greenbelt Rd., West Court  
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**ALEXANDER (R) 9:50 PM  
**CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS (PG) 12:50, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10  
**SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (PG) 12:40, 2:50, 5:00  
**AFTER THE SUNSET (PG13) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40  
**THE POLAR EXPRESS (G) 1:20, 4:30, 7:20  
**THE INCREDIBLES (PG) 1:10, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30  
**RAY (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:20  
**THE GRUDGE (PG13) 7:30, 10:00****************

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**THE INCREDIBLES (PG) 1:50, 4:40, 7:45**************

**ALL BRITS ARE SMART:** How aristo is Hugh Grant? The floppy-haired actor has been tapped to join the panel that awards the prestigious lit-



rary award the Whitbread Prize. Grant cited some high-end reads—including "Lucky Jim," "Portnoy's Complaint" and "Speak, Memory"—as his favorites.

## Entertainment

# TLC's Hunt for a Star Is On

**LIFE GOES ON** | Rozonda "Chilli" Thomas and Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins are looking to collaborate with a new voice, but the TLC stars insist they're not trying to replace the late Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes.

"Nothing has changed. We're not replacing Lisa," Thomas said. "We're not looking for a new member."

Last month, the pair announced they were launching a search to find a vocalist to perform with them in concert and for one track on TLC's upcoming greatest hits project — a journey that will be the subject of a UPN reality show, "R U the Girl With T-Boz and Chilli."

Some fans were concerned that

Thomas and Watkins were seeking to fill the shoes of Lopes, who died in a car crash in 2002. But the duo said then that they would never try to replace Lopes — perhaps the most dynamic member of the trio, with her colorful personality and energetic raps. They say they're looking for a fan to perform with them for



a one-time show and for a song on the greatest-hits project.

"Basically, we are trying to give back to our fans and find one girl and give her a chance of a lifetime," said Thomas. "To do one last performance with TLC."

"We kind of call it, like, fan appreciation," said Watkins. "We started together and we want to end it together, and that's something that Lisa would have been fond of." (AP)

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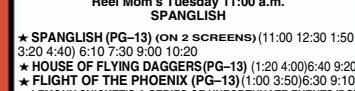
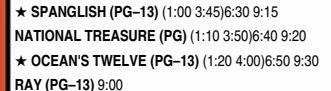
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NATIONAL TREASURE (PG) (1:00 4:00) 7:00 10:00  
THE SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS MOVIE (PG) (11:05 1:05 4:05) 7:05  
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BEING JULIA (R) (1:00 3:20) 6:20 8:50  
THE MOTORCYCLE DIARIES (R) (12:30) 6:10  
BRIDGET JONES: THE EDGE OF REASON (R) (3:10) 9:00  
★ A VERY LONG ENGAGEMENT (R) (1:45 4:45) 8:00

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# Television



**BEER, HEAD-TO-HEAD:** CBS said it will pull three ads for Miller Lite beer, spots that mock rival unhefty brew Bud Light. Anheuser-Busch, maker of Bud Light, had filed a 26-page complaint about the commercials with the four major U.S. broadcast networks.

# The Year in Bites

## 'Greatest Moments' brings back TV's 2004 turning points

**LISTS** | Just what were the most memorable small-screen moments of the past year? On "Greatest Moments 2004" (8 p.m., ABC), the roundup includes Ashlee Simpson's "Saturday Night Live" lip-synching gaffe; Ken Jennings' "Jeopardy" streak; and the much-hyped "Friends" finale.

No glance back at 2004 would be complete without at least mentioning the Janet Jackson Super Bowl fiasco. Speaking of fiascos, no



Ashlee Simpson is probably trying to forget her memorable "SNL" moment.

recap of last winter's Democratic primaries would omit Vermont Gov. Howard Dean's campaign-ending shriek.

If I had to put one episodic tele-

vision moment from 2004 into a time capsule, it would be the murder of Adriana on "The Sopranos."

In sports, the triumph of the Boston Red Sox is the easy choice. But will we remember 2004 for the Sox or the steroids?

When historians look back, they may choose to skip over an exceptionally negative presidential race to focus on the weeklong funeral of President Ronald Reagan.

The first season of "The Apprentice" provided the most memorable reality television. I loved the scene where Omarosa proceeded to finish her dinner rather than take important business calls, and then denied everything in front of her colleagues and a camera crew. Memories are made of that. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

## ON TV TONIGHT

### BOMBS AWAY

**TYCOON TOYS** (8 p.m., National Geographic Television) repeats the heartwarming glance at men who collect tanks, howitzers and other military hardware as their playthings. Followed by "Tycoon Toys: Fighter Jets" (9 p.m.).



**THE SWAN:** "This can't be my head!"

### WACKINESS ENSUES

**EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND** (9 p.m., CBS) Ray thinks he's found the sure-fire Christmas gift for Frank and Marie.

### BALDWIN EQUALS VEGAS

**LAS VEGAS** Alec Baldwin guest stars (9 p.m., NBC); catching a thief the old-fashioned way (10 p.m.).

### CULT CHOICE

**THE LAST SEDUCTION** (10:30 p.m., AMC) Linda Fiorentino stars as a femme fatale in this 1994 mystery.

### MEET THE NEW YOU, SAME AS THE OLD YOU

**THE SWAN** (8 p.m., Fox), one of the least-memorable television experiences of 2004, wraps up tonight with a two-hour "beauty" pageant.

### DEATH BY TRENDINESS

**CSI: MIAMI** (10 p.m., CBS) A "flash mob" turns murderous. KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

12.20.04		6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>		WRC (4) News CC	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Fear Factor "Siblings" O CC	Las Vegas O CC	Las Vegas "Degas Away With It" O	Las Vegas	News CC	The Tonight Show	Friends O CC	Drew Carey	
	WTTG (5) The Simpsons O	The Simpsons O	Friends O CC	Seinfeld O CC	The Swan (Season Finale) (N) O CC	News							
	WJLA (7) News CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	TV Guide: Greatest Moments 2004 (N)	NFL Football	New England Patriots at Miami Dolphins. From Pro Player Stadium in Miami. (S Live) CC	News CC	(:35) Late Show				
	WUSA (9) News CC	CBS News	USA Tonight	Ent. Tonight	Still Standing O Listen Up CC	Every-Raymond	Two/Half Men	CSI: Miami "Murder in a Flash" CC	News CC				
	WDCA (20) Girlfriends CC	Girlfriends CC	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.	One on One O Half & Half CC	Girlfriends CC	Second Time	That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Every-Raymond	Dharma & Greg		
	WMPT (22) The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	Direct Connection	Antiques Roadshow CC	Great Performances "The Nutcracker From the Royal Ballet" O CC	Great Performances	"The Nutcracker From the Royal Ballet" O CC	Wi Need-Little	Direct Connection				
	WETA (26) BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Antiques Roadshow CC	(8:55) Antiques Roadshow CC	American Experience							
	WHUT (32) Carib Nation	Uncommon	BBC World News	MoneyWise CC	Globe Trekker "Great Festivals II" O	Wide Angle O CC	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose Paul Nurse. (N) CC	Charlie Rose Paul Nurse. (N) CC			
	WBDC (50) The Parkers O	Steve Harvey	The Parkers O	Steve Harvey	7th Heaven "The Song of Lucy" O	Everwood "The Birds & the Batteries"	Will & Grace O	Just Shoot Me O	Will & Grace O	Blind Date (N) O			
<b>BASIC CABLE</b>	A&E City Confidential CC	American Justice: Sinatra	Murde on the Tracks CC	Growing Up Gotti	Growing Up Gotti	Airline (N) CC	Airline (N) CC	Crossing Jordan "Wild Card" CC					
	Animal The Crocodile Hunter CC	Most Extreme "Daredevils" CC	Pet Star (N)	Growing Up... Penguin chick. (N)	Animal Cops Detroit Neglected dogs.	Pet Star							
	BET 106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	BETcom Count	★★ "Prison Song" (2001, Drama) Mary J. Blige, Q-Tip, Fat Joe.	The West Wing O CC	The West Wing O CC	The Parkers O	The Parkers O	BET Nightly News Grown Folks					
	Bravo ★★ "Ready to Wear (Pret-a-Porter)"	The West Wing O CC	The West Wing O CC	The West Wing O CC	The West Wing O CC	The West Wing O CC	The West Wing O CC	The West Wing O CC	The West Wing O CC	Comedy Central's Last Laugh '04			
	Comedy Shorties Watchin' Stranger-Candy	Stranger-Candy	★★ "40 Days and 40 Nights" (2002, Comedy) Josh Hartnett. CC	South Park CC	Blue Collar TV O Reno 911! CC	Blue Collar TV O Reno 911! CC	Reno 911! CC	House of Clues	Fake Out				
	Court NYPD Blue "Tea and Sympathy" O	Cops O CC	Cops O CC	The Investigators Unsolvable cases.	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Psychic Detect	I, Detective	American Chopper (N)	Monster House CC			
	Discovery American Chopper CC	Monster Nation CC	Monster House CC	Monster Garage CC	Impact: Stories of Survival CC	Diagnosis: Unknown "Silent Poison"	Mystery Diagnosis	Impact: Stories of Survival CC					
	DISCH Chicago Hope "Viagra-vated Assault"	Trauma: Life in the ER CC	Impact: Stories of Survival CC	Diagnosis: Unknown "Silent Poison"	Mystery Diagnosis								
	Disney Even Stevens Lizzie McGuire	Sister, Sister O	That's So Raven	★★ "Inspector Gadget 2" (2003) French Stewart. CC	(:45) ★★ "Inspector Gadget 2" (2003) French Stewart, Elaine Hendrix. CC	Love Is in the Heir	Love Is in the Heir	Howard Stern	Howard Stern	Boy Meets World			
	E! Young Royals: True Hollywood Story	E! News (N)	Life Is Great	Jenna Jameson: The E! True Hollywood Story O CC	Love Is in the Heir	Love Is in the Heir	Howard Stern	Howard Stern					
	FX Fear Factor O CC	King of the Hill O	King of the Hill O	★★ "Twins" (1988, Comedy) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Danny DeVito.	Fear Factor O CC	King of the Hill O	King of the Hill O						
	HGTV Wknd Warriors Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Across America Sensible Chic	Decorating Cents Designers'	Design on a Dime	Design on a Dime	Painted House O	Painted House O	House Hunters			
	Family 7th Heaven "The One Thing" CC	Nestor-Donkey	Christmas Gold	★★ "Three Days" (2001, Fantasy) Kristin Davis, Reed Diamond. CC	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club CC					
	History The Christmas Truce CC	Modern Marvels "World War I Tech"	Battlefield Detectives (N) CC	Battlefield Detectives (N) CC	Investigating History (N) CC	Investigating History (N) CC	Conspiracy? "CIA and the Nazis"						
	Lifetime The Golden Girls O CC	★★ "I'll Be Home for Christmas" (1997) Ann Jillian, Jack Palance. CC	"The Angel Doll" (2000) Keith Carradine, Diana Scarwid. Premiere. CC	"The Angel Doll" (2000) Keith Carradine, Diana Scarwid. Premiere. CC	How Clean	How Clean	How Clean						
	MTV Nick & Jessica's Family Christmas	The Real World	The Real World	R. Wld Chal. R. Wld Chal.	R. Wld Chal. R. Wld Chal.	R. Wld Chal. R. Wld Chal.	Battle for Ozzfest	Viva La Bam O	Viva La Bam O				
	NICK Hey Arnold! CC	Rugrats O CC	Jimmy Neutron Fairly Oddparents	SpongeBob All Grown Up O	Family Face-Off: Hollywood	Fresh Prince	The Cosby Show	Roseanne CC	Roseanne CC				
	SCIFI Stargate SG-1 "Prodigy" O CC	Stargate SG-1 "Prophecy" O CC	Stargate SG-1 "Full Circle" O CC	Stargate SG-1 "Children of the Gods"	Stargate SG-1 "Children of the Gods"	★★ "The Uninvited" (1996) CC							
	SPIKE World's Wildest Police Videos CC	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation O	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation O	WWE Raw Scheduled: a look back at 2004's best matches. (S Live) CC	WWE Raw Scheduled: a look back at 2004's best matches. (S Live) CC	Spike TV's Video Game Awards 2004							
	TBS Seinfeld O CC	Seinfeld O CC	Every-Raymond Every-Raymond	Friends O CC (:35) Friends O	(:15) Friends Monica sings karaoke. (9:55) Friends O	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond (:25) Seinfeld O					
	TLC Clean Sweep CC	In a Fix Fixing up a garage. CC	Best of What Not to Wear	What Not to Wear "Kelly" CC	10 Years Younger	10 Years Younger	Best of What Not to Wear						
	TNT Charmed "Sin Francisco" O CC	Law & Order "Collision" O	Law & Order "Slaughter" O	Law & Order "Caviar Emptor" O	Law & Order "Dissonance" O	Law & Order "Dissonance" O	Without a Trace "Hang On to Me" O						
	USA (5:00) Monk CC	The Biggest Loser O CC	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit O	★ "Collateral Damage" (2002, Action) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Elias Koteas. CC	★ The Order CC								
	VHI Rock Bodies O	Celebrity Diets	Celebrity Diets O	Flab to Fab O	100 Hottest Hotties '80-61" O	100 Hottest Hotties '60-41" O	100 Hottest Hotties '40-21" O						
<b>SPANISH</b>	TELEM Corte-Pueblo	Noti-Telemundo	Anita No Te Rajes	La Mujer en el Espejo	Gitanas	Te Voy a Enseñar a Querer	Noticiero Tel.	Laura					
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<b>SPORTS</b>	ESPN SportsCenter (Live) CC	Monday Night Countdown (Live) CC	★★ "3" (2004, Biography) Barry Pepper, J.K. Simmons. CC	3 Nation: Dale Earnhardt									
	ESPN2 Series-Poker NFL Films	College Basketball Princeton at Temple. (Live) CC	Billiards: 2004 World Summit of Pool	Billiards: 2004 World Summit of Pool	Billiards: World Summit of Pool								
	CSN I, Max (N)	SportsNite (Live) CC	Monday Night Live (Live)	Wizard's Mag. ACC Live	SportsNite CC NBA Basketball: Wizards at Warriors								
<b>NEWS</b>	CNN Lou Dobbs Tonight CC	Anderson Cooper 360 CC	Paula Zahn Now CC	Larry King Live CC	NewsNight With Aaron Brown CC	Lou Dobbs Tonight							
	FNC Special Report (Live) CC	The Fox Report With Shepard Smith	The O'Reilly Factor (Live) CC	Hannity & Colmes (Live) CC	On the Record-Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor							
	MSNBC The Abrams Report (Live)	Hardball (Live) CC	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Deborah Norville Tonight	Scarborough Country (Live)	Hardball CC							
<b>MOVIES</b>	AMC ★★ "Intersection" (1994, Drama) Richard Gere, Sharon Stone. 'R'	★★★ "Final Analysis" (1992) Richard Gere. A psychiatrist has an affair with a patient's sister.	★★★ "The Last Seduction" (1994) Linda Fiorentino. 'R'										
	TCM (5:45) ★★ "The White Cliffs of Dover" (1944) Irene Dunne. 'NR' CC	★★★ "The Shootist" (1976, Western) John Wayne, Lauren Bacall. 'PG' CC	★★★ "The Rare Breed" (1966, Western) James Stewart. 'NR' CC										
	HBO (15) ★★ "D3: The Mighty Ducks" (1996) Emilio Estevez. O 'PG' CC	★★★ "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe. O 'R' CC	★★★ "The Last Samurai" (2003, Adventure) Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe. O 'R' CC	Phantom-Opera Carnivale "The River" O CC									
	MAX ★★★ "Patriot Games" (1992, Suspense) Harrison Ford. O 'R' CC	★★ "Torque" (2004) Martin Henderson. O 'PG-13' CC	Fueling the Fire	★★ "Two Weeks Notice" (2002) Sandra Bullock. 'PG-13' CC	Married People								
	SHOW (5:45) ★★ "Die Another Day" (2002) Pierce Brosnan. iTV. O 'PG-13' CC	★★ "Houseguest" (1995, Comedy) Sinbad, Phil Hartman. iTV. O 'PG'	★★ "Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat" (2002) R' CC	★★ "Martin Lawrence Live: Runteldat" (2002) R' CC	Jackass: Movie								
	TMC (5:45) ★★ "The Karate Kid" (1984, Drama) Ralph Macchio. O 'PG' CC	★★★ "Bugsy" (1991, Drama) Warren Beatty, Annette Bening, Harvey Keitel. O 'R' CC	★★ "The Scarlet Letter" (1995) Demi Moore. O 'R' CC	★★ "The Scarlet Letter" (1995) Demi Moore. O 'R' CC									
	STARZ! (5:45) ★★★ "Finding Nemo" (2003) O 'G' CC	★★ "Scary Movie 3" (2003) Anna Faris. O 'PG-13' CC	★★ "Maid in Manhattan" (2002) Jennifer Lopez. O 'PG-13' CC	★★ "Maid in Manhattan" (2002) Jennifer Lopez. O 'PG-13' CC	(10:50) ★ "Gigli" (2003) Ben Affleck.								
	ENCORE ★★★ "Ransom" (1996, Suspense) Mel Gibson, Rene Russo. O 'R' CC	The Cutting Edge: The Magic of Movie Editing O CC	(45) ★★ "Anger Management" (2003) Adam Sandler. O 'PG-13' CC	(45) ★★ "Anger Management" (2003) Adam Sandler. O 'PG-13' CC	(40) Tombstone								

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**Amount of workers** who said their senior managers don't listen, according to a survey of 25,000 at 17 companies. Almost half said there was no procedure to raise questions with upper management.



LIVE ONLINE

**Life at Work**

**AMY JOYCE**'s column appears Sundays in The Washington Post. She chats every Tuesday at 11 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

**I'm a recent college grad who's working full time now. As the year winds down, there's less work around the office. There are days when I just surf the Net. I'm compelled to bring a book or something, but that seems very unprofessional. Yet, there is no real work!**

Don't bring a book to work. Do what is asked, ask your co-workers

if they need help with anything, ask your boss for more duties. I'm sure there are things to do.

**If I know I want to live in a certain city, would it, in your opinion, be better to quit my job and move to that city to look for work? Or should I try to find work in that city while staying in my current job? If I move without a job, what's the best thing to say to prospective employers?**

Might you be able to make it financially on what you have now until you find a job? If so, then being in that city will likely help you find a job more than not living there. You can also, once you're there, get in touch with placement agencies. That will get you a foot in the door if you can't find a job right away.

**Dorm Doyenne | Community Director****KIM CLEMENS, 30****JOB:** Community director at George Washington University**SALARY:** Around \$30,000**EDUCATION:** Bachelor's in social work and master's in higher education student affairs from Southern Illinois University

**WHAT SHE DOES:** Clemens and her staff of 22 coordinate residential life for 1,600 students in four campus residence halls. She orchestrates events, such as "Late Night With the President"—a Q&A/dorm-pride rally for the freshmen with the university president—and supervises activities like trips to embassies or



CLAIRE DUGGAN

New York museums. Tightly-packed communities also need a referee (one of her dorms, Thurston Hall, holds some 1,049 freshmen). Clemens helps defuse roommate conflicts "that get fairly intense," links students with counseling services and confronts

emergencies, from drug use to attempted suicide to non-functional key cards. "I've seen it all," she said—and she just started in July.

**WOULD YOU WANT HER JOB?** Not if you don't love the student lifestyle. Residing in a dorm is required, and Clemens both lives and works in Thurston. But if you can hack it, there's free cable and Internet access, and taking classes is almost free.

**HOW YOU CAN GET HER JOB:** You'll need a master's or equivalent experience, usually in higher education student affairs or counseling, though other community directors at GW come from backgrounds in art, American studies and public health.

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1150 15th Street, NW  
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## STUFF

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## Administrative Associate

Small, congenial headquarters of a national environmental trade association needs a responsible Administrative Associate w/strong organizational, interpersonal, computer (MS Office & Act), and writing skills. Position will include office and member services administration, meeting planning and support, data analysis, and website updates. Advancement potential. Bachelor's degree preferred. Excellent work environment and benefits. Send cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to Sharon Jenkins at [sjenkins@icac.com](mailto:sjenkins@icac.com). EOE.

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The Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) representing over 1100 biotechnology companies and academic institutions is seeking an administrative assistant for the VP of Industrial and Environmental department. Daily responsibilities will include writing, editing and handling of correspondence, coordinating meetings, telephone calls, maintaining calendar, arranging travel, handling mail, faxing/copying. At least two years of college required, bachelor's degree preferred. Some knowledge of biological science and technology needed. Must be a highly motivated and organized individual with at least 3 or more years of administrative assistant experience. Advanced computer skills including power point, spreadsheet and word required. Some experience in meeting planning helpful as well as good communication and writing skills. Should be able to work in a fast paced environment that requires multi-tasking. Some travel required. We offer a competitive, employer-paid benefits package. Send or fax resume, cover letter and salary requirements to: HR-BIO, 1225 Eye Street, N.W. Suite 400, Washington D.C. 20005, Fax -202-589-2542. Please no phone calls.

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Lic'd. FT/PT positions for our Ashburn, Manassas, & Dulles, VA locations. High hourly rate + commiss. Med., dental, paid holidays, & vac. \$200 Sign-on Bonus! Advanced paid education. Flex. sched. eves. & wknds. Manager's position also available. [703-869-3472](http://www.703-869-3472)

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## Construction

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## Construction

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For NOVA scattered lot homebuilder. 5 years min. experience required. Salary/Bonus/Auto Allowance/Benefits. Fax resume to 703-361-2968.

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Director of Financial Management and  
Technology Services

The Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services at Virginia Commonwealth University invites applications and nominations for the Director of Financial Management and Technology Services. The Director serves as the Financial Advisor to the Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Enrollment Services; is responsible for all aspects of fiscal management and planning for the Division; and, leadership for the Division's technology support services.

Please refer to the VCU faculty jobs website for a full description of duties: <http://www.pubinfo.vcu.edu/facjobs/facjob.asp?Item=1760>

**QUALIFICATIONS.** The successful applicant will possess the following qualifications: Preferred: Masters in Business Administration, Public Administration, Higher Education or related field. Supervisory experience. Required: Five years increasingly responsible experience in budgeting and financial management and three years experience in higher education. Excellent written and oral communication skills including the ability to communicate effectively and tactfully with all levels of University administration. Excellent analytical, planning and organization skills. Demonstrated ability to work with others in the development of budgets, management of resources and financial planning. Demonstrated proficiency in using personal computers and software including word processing, spreadsheets, and presentation software. Ability to manage several assignments simultaneously. Ability to make good business decisions and work independently under tight deadlines.

**SALARY.** The salary is competitive and will reflect the experience of the successful candidate.

**APPLICATION PROCESS.** Application review will begin on January 18, 2005 and the position will remain open until filled. Applications must include a letter of intent, resume, and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of at least three references. Submit to: Ms. Carmen H. Bell, Division of Student Affairs & Enrollment Services, Virginia Commonwealth University, PO Box 843017, Richmond, VA 23284-3017, cbell@vcu.edu. For additional information about Virginia Commonwealth University, visit our Web site at [www.vcu.edu](http://www.vcu.edu).

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needed for a fuel oil service company located in Calvert County, Maryland. This position will report to the operations manager. Must have a Master HVAC license and the ability to maintain and operate the burner service and install departments. Please forward your resume along with salary requirements to [resumes@gottco.com](mailto:resumes@gottco.com) or fax to Human Resources department at 410-414-9058

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Local E-healthcare co. Position req ability to deploy, maintain, & support windows 2000/2003 service, Windows 2000/XP PCs & LAN/WAN. Position entails trouble shooting with phone & on-site support. Local travel & experience required. Send resume to recruit\_ITSE@drfirst.com.

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To do data entry, answer phones, transcription, communicate with clients, physicians and insurance companies, scheduling and other related office duties for a small PI law firm in Silver Spring. Litigation experience preferred. Salary commensurate with experience. Knowledge of Word 97 a must. Knowledge of Needles Software a plus. Fax resume and cover letter to 301-589-1585

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Responsible and outgoing individual wanted for corporate fitness center in DC. Part time evening hours available. If interested call Don at 202-739-6905.

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A busy Arlington IM practice seeks exper'd. Med. Recpt./Patient Check-out. Spanish a plus. Fax resume: 703-243-1151.

### MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

Great opportunity to join our prestigious cardiovascular practice with offices in DC & Maryland. Receptionist must have recent medical scheduling experience, excellent customer service skills & ability to multi-task. Spanish speaking a+. Competitive pay & benefits. Fax cover letter & resume to Office Manager at 301-805-4233.

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### NURSE PRACTICIONER

Looking for an exp'd, energetic, FT Nurse Practitioner for a busy GYN ONC practice in Montgomery Co. Qualifications include current NP license in MD, excellent benefits. Please fax resume to: 301-770-3205 Attn: Amy

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Chantilly based law office seeks applicants for data entry and paralegal trainee positions. Applicants must possess solid work experience, excellent organizational, and communication skills, with ability to multitask. Resume including salary requirements to [kstone@logs.com](mailto:kstone@logs.com) or fax 703-449-5823

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Washington, D.C. law firm with dynamic real estate and business practice seeks paralegal with corporate, partnership, and litigation support experience. Paralegal certification, outstanding academic credentials, and excellent writing ability required. Salary commensurate with experience. Convenient to Metro; excellent benefits. Send resume to Wash, Post Box M0166, DC 20071-6250

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Service plumber needed, 2nd shift, good pay, good benefits. Northern VA area. Call 703-441-9699 Monday - Friday 7am-5pm.

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Coalition for the Homeless is seeking a Program Director to oversee and manage a homeless shelter. Master's degree in Human Services or Social Work or related field exp. Exp in Human Services program; previous management or Facilities Management a plus. Excel. Communication oral/ written, crisis intervention. Must be computer literate. Sal. 45K to 50K (depending upon exp.). Pls forward cover letter and resume to A.G., 1234 Massachusetts Ave., NW, #C-1015, WDC 20005 or fax resume to (202) 347-2652.

### Office Cleaner

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Full time/part time. Well established, high end, home furnishing company with show rooms in Tyson's area has immediate opening for Office Manager/Administrator position. Minimum 3 years experience required. Attractive salary and benefits offered. Please fax resume to 703-893-2722.

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The Council of Chief State School Officers is seeking a part-time program assistant to provide support in our Annie E. Casey Foundation funded initiative aimed at assisting states in their efforts to improve school readiness opportunities for children in high-poverty communities. The program assistant will provide project management support to the School Readiness initiative. We encourage eligible graduate students who have an interest in the area of early childhood and school readiness to apply.

This is a part-time position, ending April 30, 2005 with the strong possibility for extension through December 31, 2005; the salary range is in the low to mid-20's based on 22.5 hours per week; plus pro-rated Council benefits. Interested candidates should forward a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to: HR, CCSSO, One Massachusetts Avenue NW #700, Washington, DC 20001. Fax: (202) 408-8076.

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Exciting growing company seeks J2EE developers and project leaders. Reston, Virginia and Rockville, Maryland locations. You can obtain a secret and/or top secret clearance. Resume to recruiting@platinumsolutions.com. www.platinumsolutions.com

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### Restaurant

Butterfield 9 seeks Pastry Asst. AM/PM. 2-3 yrs fine dining exp. pref. Fax resume w/ref's to 202-289-6602.

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Executive Chef Wanted for downtown fine dining steakhouse. Min. 5yrs. of steakhouse/fine dining exp. required. Fax resume to: 703-684-6188.

### Restaurant

#### EXECUTIVE CHEF

Private social club is seeking a qualified chef with extensive culinary skills and proven ability in quality menu design and implementation. The facility is a union shop. The chef will be a member of the management team. An innovative and creative menu portfolio is highly desirable. Applicants must be experienced in managing a full service kitchen, keeping, tracking and ordering inventory, and staffing and scheduling. Ability to professionally manage, motivate, and train staff. Candidate must have a high degree of professionalism, work as a team player, and have strong time management, and organizational skills. Knowledge of and ability to maintain a safe and hygienic working environment. Ideal candidate will have computer experience. Experience with the Jonas system a plus for inventory, purchases, cost analysis, and sales revenues. Regular work week is Monday-Friday. Competitive salary with full benefits, including vacation and sick leave, 401(k), health and disability insurance. Please fax your resume to 202-347-3046.

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### SECURITY GUARDS

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### Social Work

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### Social Work

#### Case Manager

Silver Spring Interfaith Housing Coalition is seeking a PT Case Manager (20 hrs). Person selected will serve as primary case manager to SSIIHC families. He or she will organize and conduct orientation and mentor training. Maintain current case manager files, and other duties as assigned. The ideal candidate will have a MSW or a BSW with relevant work exp. Hours are flexible with some evening and weekend meetings. Work from home option available. Send resume to: Search Committee [ssiihc@verizon.net](mailto:ssiihc@verizon.net) or fax to 301-562-0526.

### SOCIAL WORK

**School Clinical Social Worker — LCSW-C, preferred; LGSW are welcome to apply. MD License required.** The Children's Guild seeks candidates to work with emotionally disturbed children at our Chillum Campus. Serve normal caseload of 12 students & their families. Innovative learning environment, cutting edge approaches. 10 month position w/ opportunity to work summers. MA in Social Work. **Please fax copy of License registration.** Qualified candidates need only to apply. Competitive salary and benefits. Resume to Business Manager, 5702 Sargent Rd., Chillum, MD 20782, FAX 301-559-7662, or apply online: [www.childrensguild.org](http://www.childrensguild.org)

EOE

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MANDEX Inc. provides technical and training development supports for Global Command and Control Systems Programs. We are in need of Software Developers for our Upper Marlboro location. Must be proficient in C, C++, Java, etc. Must have a top secret clearance. Please email resumes to pcarr@um.mandex.com or fax to 301-599-4109.

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needed for The Children's Guild's day school Chillum Campus in PG Co. to work with Elementary and Middle School students in special education program. Experience working with students with emotional and behavioral disorders preferred. Bachelors degree required, Masters preferred. MSDE certification or eligibility a must for the Teacher position. Excellent salary and benefits to include tuition assistance. Resume to Business Manager, 5702 Sargent Rd., Chillum, MD 20782, FAX 301-559-7662, or apply online: [www.childrensguild.org](http://www.childrensguild.org)

EOE

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### Employment

#### Tech companies now prefer wunderkinds with college degrees

Caleb Sima marvels at how angry people got when he fled high school for a computer job during the high-tech boom.

"I'm going to see you taking out my trash," his principal told him.

Ha. Boasting a six-figure salary as chief technology officer of an online security company, Sima is one of a select group of young techies who hit it big without an academic pedigree after technology and Internet-related businesses exploded in the late 1990s.

These days, there are few like him. Matching his diploma-less feat is more difficult since the tech bubble burst in 2001, and fewer try.

Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show that the number of those skipping college for the tech world has declined steadily for years. There were 40,000 16- to

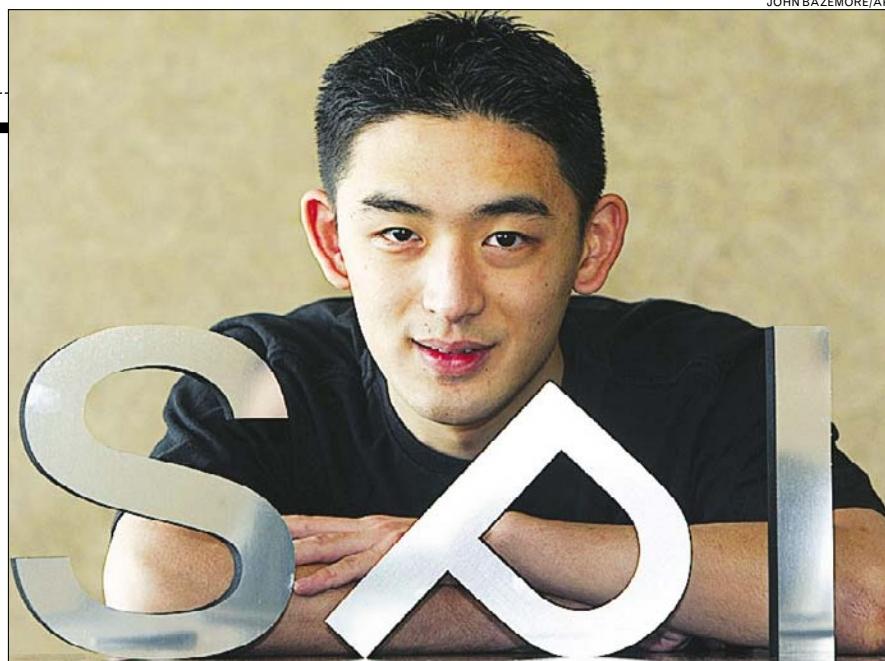


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19-year-olds working in computer-related occupations in 2000; 18,000 in 2003.

"While a small number did strike it rich by rushing into the work force, I would estimate that about

**KNOW YOUR  
GOAL:** Although Caleb Sima did it, he doesn't think techies should forgo college.



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

# Back to School

the same percentage struck it rich by buying lottery tickets," said Steven Rothberg, president of Minneapolis-based CollegeRecruiter.com.

Bill Gates and Michael Dell became billionaires without having finished college. But they are looked upon as flukes.

"It's so difficult to find an IT job now" without a degree, Rothberg said. "Five years ago, if you weren't incarcerated and had a pulse, you had a pretty good chance."

The Information Technology Association of America in Arlington, Va., estimates there

are 10.5 million IT workers. But competition is intense and qualifications have risen, spokesman Bob Cohen said.

"Employers really want to see people with a four-year degree, or at least a two-year degree and significant certification," he said. "Their expectations have gone up."

Sima doesn't think teen techies should ditch school.

"I'm not saying that someone who is a high-school kid but doesn't know what they want to do should do it," he said. "I think you have to somewhat realize what your goal is and be able to set yourself up for

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success."

John-Thomas Gaietto, 22, is another young tech whiz who made it big out of high school. The native of Tiffin, Ohio, set up networks for corporations, and now is enterprise security analyst for a global manufacturing company outside Detroit.

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## Lisa de Moraes

## Small Screen

Washington Post TV columnist **LISA DE MORAES** was online Friday and discussed reality show finales and NBC's Brian Williams | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

**The live finale of "The Apprentice" was the single worst two-hour block of TV I have ever watched. Regis? Audience participation? Every comment was essentially the same: "Both candidates are great. Kelly is great." Even the O'Jays were tough to watch because they didn't get through much of the song. The only bit of good entertainment was when The Donald's COO got camera shy and blanked out.**

It was terrible TV. Can't figure out why Mark Burnett can't figure out how to do the finale of this show. Really, Burnett needs to nuke the whole finale concept and do something radically different that doesn't hinge so much on Trump, who apparently is really, really, really bad on TV. I'd love to know how many takes they have to do each week of him saying "you're fired" before he gets it right.

**What Burnett needs to do on "The Apprentice" finale is reveal what Trump's scalp really looks like.**

Brilliant. I'll pass it along. When you think of it, it's what Americans really want to know about Trump.

Throughout the whole show, his hair sits there like the big fat elephant in the room nobody wants to acknowledge.

**Lisa, what do you think about Jeff Probst dating one of the "Survivor" contestants?**

Trying very hard to care. Nope, can't do it.

**Have you noticed that Brian Williams' shoulders are bigger than they used to be when he was subbing for Tom Brokaw? Does NBC think that by adding bigger shoulder pads we will think he is stronger and more trustworthy? I like Brian Williams, but this just seems silly.**

I have not noticed. I will start paying attention. Maybe they're bulking up his shoulder pads so his swelling head will not be noticed? Just a guess.

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**1 P.M.**: Staff writer Monte Reel discusses his Post Magazine article about former Army medic Alan Babin and his rehabilitation.

**2 P.M.**: Tech columnist Rob Pegoraro discusses last-minute gadget gift-buying ideas.

# LOOK out

## People

**PARENTS**
**Sheen Family Expansion Program Continues Apace**

**CHARLIE SHEEN** and **DENISE RICHARDS** are expecting their second child, due in June, People magazine reported. Their first, daughter Sam Sheen, was born in March. "They are incredibly thrilled and I couldn't think of a better Christmas present for the both of them and for little Sam," said Richards' agent, Chuck James. Sheen also has a daughter, Cassandra, 20, from his first marriage. (AP)



Martin was pleased with their progress, but soon demanded a grandson.

**LOVE-FESTS**
**We Are Hot, Exotic Women. Let's Be Good Friends**

**PENELOPE CRUZ** and **SALMA HAYEK** said they hit it off from day one during the filming of "Bandidas," a Western about two female outlaws set in 19th-century Mexico. "We've enjoyed it from the first day until yesterday," said Cruz about 14 weeks of working together. "Now she's one of the best companions I've ever encountered or ever will. We have an incredible communication." (AP)


**CREEPY CREEPY CREEPY**

## Mommy, Noooooo

Some 200 children got to play at **MICHAEL JACKSON**'s Neverland in Los Olivos, Calif., on Friday. "I hope you have a wonderful day. Merry Christmas. I love you," the pop singer called out to the children from the driveway of his estate. Jackson, who faces trial next year on child molestation charges, appeared happy during the few minutes he spoke to the arriving throng. One of the youngsters shouted, "We love you!" "I love you more," Jackson replied, before putting an umbrella over his head and walking back toward his house. (AP)

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Kate's smart,  
really she is.

"I'm 31 years old and if I'm going to go back to college ... then it's probably time to do it now," she said. She has to finish her next project, however: A sequel to "Underworld," a vampire movie directed by husband Len Wiseman. (EXPRESS)

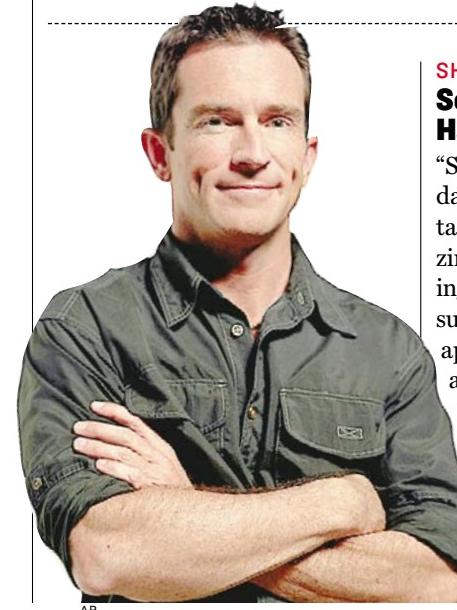
**EDUCATION**  
**Stars Stricken By Natalie Portman Envy**
**KATE BECKINSALE**

wants to go back to school, she told Reuters on Saturday. The actress, now appearing in "The Aviator" as Ava Gardner, left Oxford University before graduating when her acting career took off. She had been studying French and Russian literature.

Books announced Friday that Obama will write two books for adults and one for children. The first, due out in 2006, will focus on his political convictions. The kids' book, also planned for 2006, will rely on his youth as a "skinny young kid with big ears and the funny name." (AP)

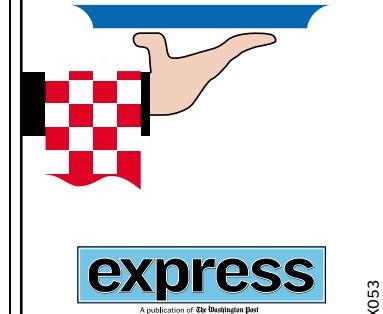

**2016**  
**Obama Reaches Out To Under-10 Constituency**

U.S. Senator-elect **BARACK OBAMA**, whose 1995 book jumped onto best seller lists after his keynote address to the Democratic National Convention, has landed a three-book deal worth \$1.9 million. Crown Publishing Group and Random House Children's


**SHOWMANSHIP**  
**Secretly, She Would Have Rather Had the Money**

"Survivor" host **JEFF PROBST**, 43, is dating fifth-place Vanuatu contestant Julie Berry, 24, People magazine reported. The two started dating after the show wrapped, though suspicions were raised when Berry appeared on an episode wearing a fake "Jeff" tattoo. "I'm in love," Probst said. "I'm with her. I'm with her family, and there ain't no turning back. When you find it, you know." (EXPRESS)

Jeff sent many Survivors home before he chose one for himself.

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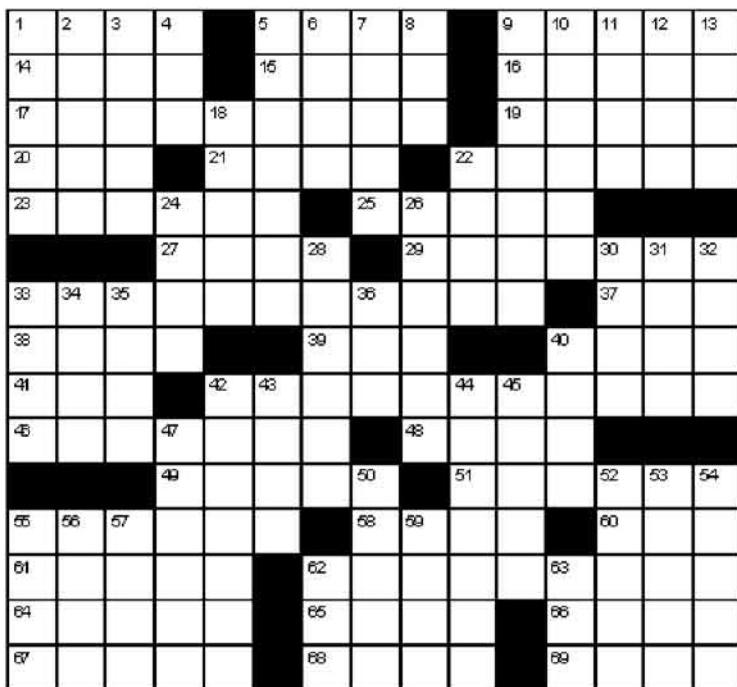
**On Dec. 20,** the Louisiana Purchase was completed as ownership of the territory was transferred from France to the United States; also, in 1879, Thomas Edison privately demonstrated his incandescent light.

**Shop Class** | Edited by Timothy E. Parker**ACROSS**

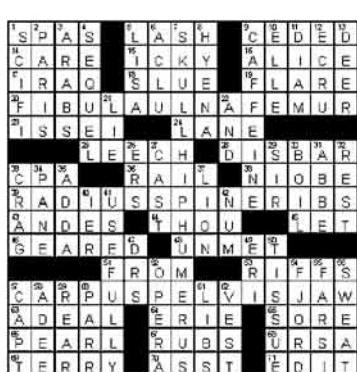
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**Friday's Solution****Horoscope**

By Stella Wilder

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** The tone of the day may depend on one- or two-minute decisions you make upon rising.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** You should be able to reap your own personal benefits from a situation that others wish had not developed. Fate takes an odd turn during the evening.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Lie low and keep a close eye on those who insist on being at the center of activity. You'll learn

important do's and don'ts.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Your intuition is keen, but you may become derailed if you allow your intellect to control your decision-making. Balance is key.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Touchy subjects cannot be avoided. Be sure you tuck your feelings away and are willing to confront others with openness and honesty.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Discipline is essential to a profitable day. Others may make the mistake of trying to do too much in too short a time, but you know better.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You may find yourself entangled in a bittersweet triangle of sorts. Others involved are likely to depend upon you for a solution.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Trust your

charm and sex appeal to open one or two important doors for you. Know, however, when to soft-pedal these assets.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You'll come within reach of a long-term goal, but circumstances may demand you pull back and wait just a little while longer. Be patient.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Look at the world around you from a realistic perspective. Be sure your expectations are within reason.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** Domestic adjustments are inevitable, resulting from certain subtle shifts in attitude or outlook. You'll be a controlling influence.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** This is a good day to test your skills against those acclaimed as experts. You may find you're in the running for handsome rewards.

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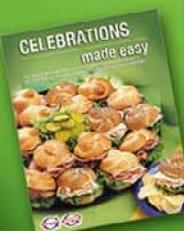
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